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Succulent Workshop

Bath Gardening Club members enjoyed learning about the world of succulents



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Editor's Message



Before any submissions are sent to be included in the OHA Trillium newsletter, the members of the Garden Clubs/Horticultural Societies in Ontario have written and taken pictures of many events that have taken place in their Club/Society. The OHA executives send the news we need to be up-to-date.

There are the stories, the pictures, the links, emails back and forth, proofreading and checking by the OHA executives to be considered. Then, there are a few revisions (or not). Once it is all approved, the file is saved as a PDF so that the Trillium can be emailed to all of the subscribers and put on the OHA website: <https://gardenontario.org>. Everyone works hard and does their part. You'll enjoy the content in this very full issue.

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Submission dates for 2025:

- March 1 – Spring issue
- June 1 – Summer issue
- September 1 – Autumn issue
- December 1 – Winter issue

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OHA 50/50 DRAW

Submitted by Marian Heil, OHA Treasurer



Next 50/50 Draw: March 8, 2025

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Your ticket purchases for the OHA 50/50 Draw not only helps us keep Ontario Beautiful but it supports education for youth and adults. It also supports environmental programs, awards and grants assisting with pollinators, tree planting and community beautification.



OHA President's Report

Where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday that I took over the position of President of the OHA and a year and a half has already flown by.

I have a lot of news to bring to you in this issue and hope that you will take the time to read through it to see all the wonderful events and beautifications happening right across this amazing province we call home.



Family Scholarship:

The OHA has created a new family scholarship for members and their families. Applications for the OHA/GardenOntario Family Scholarship will open March 1st of each year starting March 1st of 2025 with the deadline for applications being June 30th each year.

The application form has been posted to the GardenOntario website under the Awards and Grants header within Resources. Please refer to the application form for all the details.



Sharlene Desjardins

Vegetable Garden Journal:

A Vegetable Garden Journal created by the subcommittee of the Fundraising Committee has now been completed and distributed to the Directors in each District. These are lovely 2-to-3-year journals with pages of valuable information, blank pages for notes, square foot gardening tips, garden layout pages, information on straw bale gardening, plant hardiness map, beneficial bugs, veggie diseases and pests, harvesting and preserving and so much more. They are available for sale through supplies. If you would like to order, please head to the GardenOntario website at <https://gardenontario.org/garden-journal-purchase/> The Garden Journals have a dedicated button for ease of ordering.

Reg 16, Ag Act and ONCA:

Reg 16 currently states that a \$1500.00 grant will be given to an Agricultural Society to erect a structure celebrating their 100th anniversary. There is currently public consultation, which ended on October 14th, on a proposed change to include Horticultural Societies/Clubs in this grant. If no opposition, the newly worded Reg 16 will include a 1-time grant of \$1500.00 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of a Horticultural Society. The newly proposed wording does not include the requirement to erect a structure but it could still be added before being finalized. The newly proposed wording also states that the grant would be retroactive. Further details and updates will be sent out once the changes to Reg 16 have been finalized.

There are currently amendments before the legislative assembly to remove the requirement of an audit for a Society/Club under the normal course of being a not-for-profit. We do not know when this will go into effect. Charles Freeman has suggested that all Societies/Clubs have the words "financials to be reviewed or audited" added to the Society/Club by-laws to cover either requirement.

Another change has come about because of ONCA. Starting on October 20th of 2024, all elected or appointed positions will require a written letter of acceptance. A document has been sent out to all Societies/Clubs which can be used immediately after elections and installations. This has also been added under Resources on the GardenOntario.org website.

SWOT Analysis:

Each October, the Association discusses the SWOT analysis and strategic plan, and steps needed to keep moving in a positive direction. We welcome thoughts and ideas from our members on any potential strategic plan ideas. Please send your thoughts and ideas in before January as we will be meeting again to discuss this topic further.

Films Reflektor:

Films Reflektor has reached out to us as they are doing a series of videos on gardens. Some Societies/Clubs have been contacted directly and filming is currently already underway in the Toronto area. If you have not been contacted, but you have a garden you would like to have showcased, please let your District Director know and they will share the contact information with you. They are predominantly filming flower gardens but are willing to do community gardens or special gardens within your community such as historical gardens. The OHA is supportive of Societies/Clubs participating in this endeavour, but it is not a requirement. The project is running from now into next Spring and Summer.



Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF):

The OHA had a booth this year at the RAWF which ran from November 1st to 10th. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to work a shift or two at this amazing event. This was the first time we participated at this event and hopefully we will be able to attend again next year. We did participate at the CNE again this year and visitors to our booth were up from last year. This is a wonderful way to promote the Association/GardenOntario.

Theme of the Year 2025:

There will be no colour of the year for 2025. Instead, Communities in Bloom has decided to go with a theme which has been announced as “**Edible Gardens**”. I hope everyone plans accordingly in order to harvest a bountiful crop in 2025.

OMAF Training Dates:

The OMAFA annual reporting training dates will take place on November 21st and January 15th. On December 9th, there will be a Zoom session put on by OMAFA. This will be a recorded viewing of the November training session with the chance to ask questions at the end. Links to the training sessions have been sent to all Societies/Clubs.

After the November session, links to the training as well as a step-by-step YouTube video for submissions will be available on the GardenOntario website.

Fundraising:

GardenOntario 50/50 Raffle: The GardenOntario 50/50 Raffle is still going strong. Tickets are on sale for the current raffle which began on December 15th and will end on March 7th 2025. The draw will take place on March 8th. Please visit <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha> to buy your tickets today!

Sipology Fundraiser: The Sipology Fundraiser which ran again this fall was a success. The designer teas, accessories and hot chocolate packets made wonderful Christmas presents for those people who enjoy a good cup of tea while leafing through their seed catalogues. Thank you to all those individuals who purchased tea and assisted us with making this fundraiser a success.

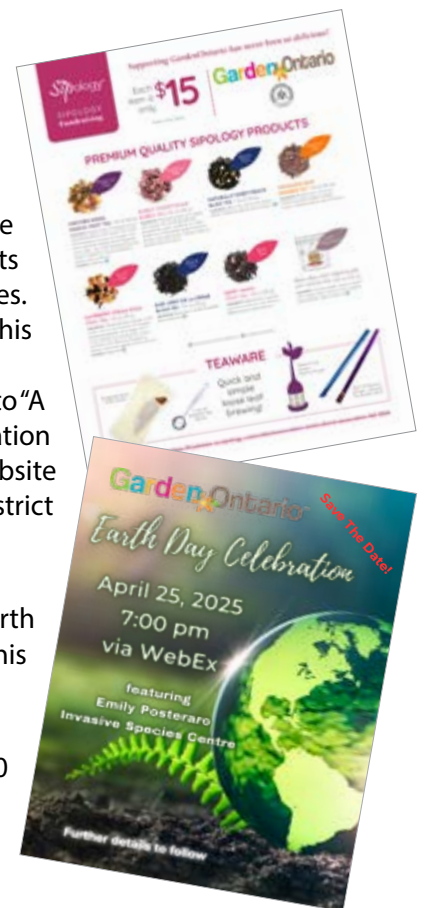
The OHA is looking to gauge interest on a garden sign that may say something similar to “A member of GardenOntario lives here” or “A member of the Ontario Horticultural Association lives here” with a QR code on it that takes the individual back to the GardenOntario website where they could find information about a Society/Club local to them. Please let your District Director know if this would be of interest to your Society/Club.

Earth Day 2025:

Emily Posteraro from the Invasive Species Centre will be our featured speaker for Earth Day 2025 which will take place on April 25th at 7:00 pm via WebEx. Please mark this important date on your calendar. A link to the Webex will be sent out closer to the date.

Society Membership Billing:

Please note that as per a motion passed at the AGM in July, dues will be increasing by 50 cents per member per year over the next 4 years. In 2025, dues will be \$4.50 per member, \$5.00 in 2026, \$5.50 in 2027 and \$6.00 in 2028. Please plan your budgets accordingly and consider raising your membership fees, if required, to accommodate the new increases.



Dubois Agrinovation:



Please remember to register with Dubois Agrinovation to receive 10% off your purchases. As a result of your order, your Society/Club will receive a 2% rebate and the OHA will receive a 2% rebate. In order to receive the Society/Club rebate, your Society/Club must also be registered. Please visit https://duboisag.com/ca_en/ to register yourself and/or your Society/Club. If you require assistance, please contact your District Director.

OHA AGM 2025:

The 2025 OHA AGM will be taking place on July 19th via WebEx. It is extremely important that we have good representation from a majority of Societies/Clubs. We require a minimum of 100 voting delegates from a minimum of 50 different Societies/Clubs in good standing to make quorum. If we do not have those numbers, we would have to reschedule. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. There is no cost to attend, but registration will be required.

New Invasive Species

There is a new invasive species in Ontario called Hydrilla. It is extremely aggressive and loves slow moving streams, rivers, and lakes. It can grow up to an inch a day. It has been shown to be able to grow in every climate except Antarctica, at this time. Each fragment that breaks off can begin an entire new colony. It affects the flow of water which can cause it to go stagnant and bring in mosquitoes. The areas in Ontario where it has been noted have been closed to boating, swimming, walking and any other recreational activities so it can be removed. It can rehydrate up to 6 years after being removed from the water. It looks similar to Elodea which is native and rarely invasive. If you see this plant or any other invasive species, please report your sightings to www.eddmaps.org or call 1-800-563-7711.

Society Benefits of Belonging Template:

A new Society benefits of belonging template has been created and is available now for all Societies/Clubs to use. This new customizable template will allow you to promote your Society/Club. There is space for your vision, mission and goals as well as all the benefits an individual will receive if they join. This document could be used during membership drives, on the Society/Club website, at fairs, shows and tours as a way to showcase all of the benefits of belonging to your society. It can be accessed on the GardenOntario.org website at <https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/Benefits-of-Belonging-to-a-Society-Template.docx>



Awards and Grants:

District Service Award nominations are due to your District Director no later than January 20th, 2025. Please apply for **Horticultural Service Certificates and Judging/Exhibiting Certificates** to recognize your members for outstanding service.

President's Quick Start Manual

Updates have been made to both the Society/Club President and District Director's Quick Start Manuals. The Society/Club President's Manual has been emailed out to all Societies/Clubs and is available on the GardenOntario.org website under Resources at https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/OHA-President-Quick-Start_Manual-September-2024-FINAL.pdf

On behalf of the Association/GardenOntario, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas/Holiday season full of laughter and joy with family and friends. Browse through your seed catalogues, enjoy some tea from Sipology and we will meet again in the Spring.



Sincerely,
Sharlene Desjardins
OHA President



Rooted in the Past and Still Blooming

Gardening Kingston (Kingston Horticultural Society) Celebrates 125 years



Submitted by Denise Owsianicki, President

Kingston had a Horticultural Society in one form or another since around 1856 – when the first Horticultural and Flower Show was held. Records show that in 1856, the first president was Baron de Longueuil who owned Wolfe Island (Grande Island at the time).

On February 22, 1899, the Kingston Horticultural Society was formed. An article appearing in the Daily British Whig dated 23 February 1899, stated that Dr. R.T. Walkem, the new President, announced a re-organization and naming of the Kingston Horticultural Society since the Society of the Frontenac District had become defunct. It is one of the oldest societies in Ontario.

In the years following, the Society has been very active in the community and continues to promote gardening, civic improvement, biodiversity and community beautification. In the early years, grants and prizes were given to support the Kingston Fairs. Many regional facilities such as the Kingston Penitentiary and Rockwood Hospital, were invited to exhibit produce and flowers.



Birthday Cake Kick-Off
Photo by Julie Driver



Vintage Costume; Denise Owsianicki,
Cynthia Johnston, Suzanne Maranda
Photo by Grant LeDrew

Highlights of Community and Public Gardens

In 1926, members collaborated with the Historical Society to plant gardens at the Murray Tower Moat. Kingston Horticultural Society was asked to beautify the rock cut at Barriefield with rock flowers, phlox and other plantings (1931). The Flower Show was advertised on the screen of the now defunct Capitol Theater.

In the early 1940's, members and the Kingston community were asked to grow certain vegetables in their Victory Gardens to supply people with much needed food.

Over the years, members worked to improve many public areas such as the public library grounds, Coronation Gardens, the J.F. Logan Sanctuary which was started in 1948 by rural school children until 1952, where over 44,000 trees were planted.

The Paterson Memorial Garden, located in Rodden Park, adjacent to the City Greenhouses was planted as a memorial to William (Willie) Paterson in appreciation for his contribution of plants to the City of Kingston. When the garden fell into disrepair, a committee was formed and members of the Kingston Horticultural Society restored the garden. It is still cared for by members today.



Paterson Memorial Garden
Photo by Denise Owsianicki



Paterson Memorial Garden
 Photos by Denise Owsianicki

In 2010, a small committee began developing a plan for a **demonstration Pollinator Garden** and received approval from the City of Kingston to plant it on the grounds of the Memorial Centre on Nelson St. The garden would be relatively small but would serve as an example to the public at large; hopefully inspiring multiple “Pollinator Patches” across the city. In 2017, Kingston’s Pollinator Garden was recognized as a Pollinator Haven by the Ontario Horticultural Association, one of the first in the province.



Pollinator Garden
 Photos by Denise Owsianicki

*Congratulations Gardening Kingston
 on its 125th Anniversary!*



Columbine Aquilegia Flower
Photo by Tana Clarke



Newsletter
1991

Society Floral Emblem and Newsletter

The native Columbine flower (aquilegia: red and yellow) is the flower of the Society and was printed on the front page of the newsletter in May, 1994. "The Columbine" was chosen as the title of the newsletter and appeared on the front page of the newsletter in 1997 and is still the title today.

The newsletter was printed and mailed to all members for many years until the electronic version was created in 2020. As a result of the pandemic and impact on social gatherings, meetings were offered virtually on Zoom, as in-person meetings were on hold. Newsletters and communication by email to members offered an opportunity to stay in touch with the membership and offer services to stay engaged and informed. KHS was awarded the OHA Technical Advancement Recognition Certificate in 2022 for this accomplishment. The Columbine newsletter placed third this year at the AGM Convention 2024.



Columbine
Newsletter 2024

Meetings, Flower and Vegetable Shows and Trophies

On Rose Day, June 21, 1941, members helped organize and requested citizens who grew roses to donate blooms for the purpose of selling to the public. Funds raised were donated to the Queen's Canadian Fund for Air Raid victims. About 3000 roses were sold by KHS members, the Girl Guides, girls from the Notre Dame Convent and KCVI Secondary School. A sum of \$307.16 was raised.

In 2005, a Community Improvement Fund was created to provide grants (when financially viable) to local groups and individuals. Some recipients included the Lakeside Community Garden, Elliott Ave Community Garden and Loving Spoonful.

From 2002-2007, the society participated in the Lung Association of Canada's "Garden Festivals" and the Communities in Bloom.

Monthly meetings and newsletters on various gardening and horticultural topics continue to be a highlight for members and guests. Garden tours, bus tours and Flower and Vegetable shows offer members and guests the opportunity to Learn, Grow and Share.

With the return of in-person meetings, annual awards are given to those who have accumulated the highest points in the flower and vegetable competitions. Most recently, awards and trophies were presented at the AGM on November 14, 2024.



Flower Show 2024
Photo by Denise Owsianicki



Vegetable Show
Photo by Denise Owsianicki

Membership

Membership rose and fell over the years. The highest membership reported was 425 in 1954. Other years were 310 in 1921 and 259 in 1971. During the war years, membership fell to 88 in 1916 and 7 in 1917. Fees started at \$1.00 per member and remained at \$1.00 into the late 60's. Single memberships rose as high as \$20. Family memberships were started, however discontinued in 2020. Today, a single membership fee is \$20.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of the Society. Without them, the Garden Club would not exist.

In 2006, the Society was awarded the provincial June Callwood Outstanding Achievement award for volunteerism. At that time, the 240 members logged a total of 11, 482 volunteer hours on community projects such as Communities in Bloom and the Kingston Lung Association Garden Festival.

Legacy

Over the years, many Presidents, Board members and members have left a legacy and their footprint in the history of Kingston. It is impossible to name everyone, however a few highlights are noted.

Dr. R. Gordon Sinclair, a professor, community volunteer and Chair of Kingston Township School Board was President in 1942. He was praised for his contributions and leadership in beautifying the grounds of many city public and high schools, the military camp and grounds at the YMCA.

William Paterson (1891-1983) became known as one of the best sources of rare alpine plants in Ontario and shared his plants and his knowledge widely throughout the City of Kingston. Mr. Paterson was made a life member of Kingston Horticultural Society in 1965 and was the recipient of the Ontario Horticultural Award of Merit.

Jane Murphy (1938-2020) was a long-time active and dedicated member of the Kingston Horticultural Society serving in many capacities including President, VP and Secretary. She was one of the founding members and active in the Friends of Lemoine Point where she helped start the Native Plant Nursery. Her enthusiasm and sense of humour was infectious and she worked tirelessly to interest and involve others in developing Kingston's green spaces.

Dr. Michael Levison, BA, PhD Professor Emeritus, Queens University (1937-2019) was presented the Silver Fir Ontario Horticultural Award in 2011. He was a passionate gardener and gave outstanding service in the areas of community beautification, conservation, ecology and education to members and the public.

Kingston Horticultural Society Today

In 2019, the name was rebranded to **Gardening Kingston**, however our legal name remains **Kingston Horticultural Society**. Monthly meetings are held 10 months of the year offering informative and educational topics. Flower, Horticultural Shows and Displays continue to create opportunities to enjoy the fruits of everyone's labour and recognize members for their efforts.

This past year, many new events were planned and offered to members and the public in celebration of the 125th Anniversary.



Kingston Heritage Services Poster
"Rooted in History & Still Blooming"

a student education day where groups of children and teachers participated in interactive activities to learn how food is grown, matched seeds and plants and enjoyed a sensory plant collection which stimulated everyone's senses. The bustier created from fresh vegetables was the star attraction to all visitors.

In cooperation with the downtown BIA, four new downtown Naturalistic Gardens were designed by two members and planted by volunteers. These gardens compliment the other 2 gardens: the Pollinator Garden and the Paterson Memorial Garden, which were designed, planted and have been cared for over the years by KHS members.

The "Dare to Be Wild" Movie held at the Screening Room was enjoyed by attendees. Based on a true story, a young Irish woman was accepted to enter her wildflower garden design in the famous Chelsea Flower Show. Her philosophy certainly reflects today's theme of using and appreciating native, naturalistic plants.

We will wrap up our Anniversary year with a Zoom presentation on "How to Garden Better in Today's Changing Climate" on December 12 at 7 pm by Charlie Dobbin, a well-known horticulturalist, landscaper and radio and TV personality.

The Garden Club works in collaboration with many local groups such as the Thousand Islands Master Gardeners, Kingston Area Seed System Initiative (KASSI), the City of Kingston, the Kingston & District Agricultural Society and Loving Spoonful to name a few.

Special guest speakers and activities are posted on the website <https://kingstonhort.ca/>
Like us on Facebook and Instagram

A special *Thank You* to Suzanne Maranda who initiated and led the research process along with the team of volunteers who assisted over the past months.

Sources from Queen's University Archives, Kingston Frontenac Public Library and Kingston Horticultural Society records

We worked with Kingston Heritage Services and a magnificent poster was designed highlighting key points in our 125-year history. It will be on display for the public to view for 12 months in one of the Display Niche cases at City Hall along with a few artifacts.

This year's Plant sale at our new venue, the Bennett Barn on the Memorial Centre grounds, was a roaring success, both financially and by attendance numbers. In addition to our member donations, we had many plants donated from two local families.

At the June luncheon, Dr. Jacalyn Duffin engaged and wowed the audience with her presentation on "Poisoning the Spindle" and walked us through how a cancer drug was developed and derived from a plant.

The "Back to Our Roots" Garden Tour on Wolfe Island in July featured 4 unique gardens and took visitors back to the original "home" of Baron de Longueuil, the first President of the Kingston Horticultural Society.

After an absence of many years, KHS joined the Kingston Fall Fair in September once again. For three days, volunteers welcomed visitors sharing information about the Club, our history and highlighted the work we do in the community. Two members spearheaded



Vegetable Bustier at Fall Fair
Photo by Denise Owsianicki



Downtown Naturalistic Gardens

50 Years of Chinguacousy Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Submitted by Michele Drenters - November 28, 2024

Highlights from our Celebrations

The Chinguacousy Garden Club and Horticultural Society was founded on September 16, 1974 by a small group of gardening enthusiasts as a means of sharing fellowship, stewardship for our environment, information and, of course, our love of gardening. 2024 marked our Club's fiftieth year milestone. We put together a committee to plan the ways that we could celebrate. A 50th anniversary logo was designed and has been used on our newsletters and brochure over the year.

We held our annual events, as we usually do, but this year we were sure to highlight in our advertising that it was a special year. Our Annual Flower Show centred around the theme of our 50th anniversary with many classes in the decorative sections having an anniversary element in some manner.



Tea Place Setting
Photo by Michele Drenters

The feather on our birthday hat came in the form of a most wonderful afternoon tea held on September 22, 2024. Our 50th Anniversary Chairperson, Lydia Robertson, along with the many members of the team, planned and hosted a most delightful afternoon for all who attended. Highlights included Lydia's wonderfully artistic baked creations, presented on beautifully set tables of dainty china and linens; all centred around lovely floral arrangements created in teacups. Each place setting included a charming little favour box shaped like a teapot with a sweet chocolate treat nestled inside. Past and present Club members, sponsors and dignitaries gathered together to enjoy lively conversations, tea, refreshments, scrumptious sandwiches, scones with cream and all kinds of divine desserts to celebrate the Club's

anniversary. A digital presentation of photos from local archives was available so that guests could view moments from our Club's history. City Councillor, Rod Power, and MPP, Charmaine Williams, gave short congratulatory speeches and presented certificates.

Doreen Coyne and Asna Black from the OHA shared both a District 15 and an OHA Anniversary certificate. Ruth Bender was awarded with the District Service Award in recognition of her many contributions to our Club. A district Appreciation Award was presented to the family of our late member, Jacqueline Tucker. A cheque for the winning publications entered in the OHA Convention competitions was also presented. One lucky recipient at each table won the centrepiece teacup arrangement to take home and a draw was held for the grand prize of a basket of goodies. Everyone was invited to make their own takeaway package from the remaining food to enjoy later. All went home with full tummies and warm memories of a fabulous afternoon.

Our Club is 50 but we are still growing. We are always actively seeking and welcoming new members to join us as we move forward into the future. Come visit us at a meeting soon.



Tea Banner
Photo by Michele Drenters



Tea Gift Basket
Photo by Michele Drenters



Tea Centrepiece
Photo by Michele Drenters



*Congratulations
Chinguacousy Garden Club & Horticultural Society
on its 50th Anniversary!*

The 100th Anniversary of Gananoque Horticultural Society Park

Written and Submitted by Joan MacKinnon



Board member Lynda Pilkey with Society President Penny Stewart in period dress

Photo by Tom Racey



Sculpture by Noel Bullock, installed in May 2024, stolen in October 2024

Photo by Joan MacKinnon

The Gananoque Horticultural Society celebrated another milestone this year with the 100th anniversary of our Gananoque Horticultural Society Park. The Park, located on two lots of land at the corner of Main and Mill Streets, was given to the Society in January, 1924. The land had belonged to William Stone Macdonald, whose impressive summer home, Blinkbonnie, is located diagonally across the street. The first store in Gananoque, operated by Charles and John Macdonald, had been built on this piece of property in 1817 and the first post office had also been established there. By the early 20th century, the land was no longer being used and was simply vacant and weed-covered in an area of town dominated by factories. In April, 1923, Macdonald encouraged the recently formed Horticultural Society to start developing gardens on his property and a work bee was held on May 2. Unfortunately, Macdonald died unexpectedly only two weeks later and the land was given to the Park by his widow the following January for the sum of \$1.00.

I wrote an article about the history of the Horticultural Park published in the Trillium, Spring 2024, so will not repeat that here. This year, our volunteers put extra effort into keeping the Park in the best condition possible in preparation for our 100th Anniversary Party on August 11. Following spring cleanup by a large group, two volunteers spent time each week in the Park doing routine weeding, deadheading and planting. On July 30, we held a small work party to dig out a bed of ditch lilies and then plant a large number of daylilies donated by Mary Ann Van Berlo. Pam Hudson and her son Aiden, Bernadette Egan and her son Liam, Lucie Morin and I dug out the old daylilies, then divided and replanted the new ones during one hot and sweaty morning.

The following week, on August 7, a larger work party gathered to 'primp' the Park before our Anniversary Party. Members weeded out garlic chives and dandelions around the central garden, cleaned up the gravelled area near our picnic table, cut back and deadheaded a number of perennials, and got the Park into pristine condition.

Town Crier Brian Mabee, dressed in full regalia, opened the 100th Anniversary Party in the Park on Sunday, August 11. Mayor John Beddows and President Penny Stewart greeted the approximately eighty attendees at the event before the main activities of the program. Local high school drama and history teacher, Robyn Barker Ableson, had created a 12-minute long play about the creation of the Park in collaboration with myself. She recruited five local actors to play the parts of William Stone Macdonald and his wife, Louise; the Society Board members who agreed to take on care of the Park; Rebecca Edwards, who purchased Blinkbonnie to turn it into a high class hotel; and Isabella Macdonald, who unveiled the memorial stone in August, 1924. The play was a fun representation of the history of the origins of the Park and enjoyed by all. Town Poet Laureate Gretchen Huntley read the poem that she had written in honour of the Park and member Karen Hall sang a lively medley of 1920's songs. In addition, a small plaque



Work party of Gananoque Horticultural Society members in the Horticultural Park August 7

Photo by Joan MacKinnon



L-R: Joan MacKinnon, Park Coordinator; Penny Stewart, Society President and Diane Hall, Board member in front of the central garden and memorial stone in the park

Photo by Virginia MacDonald



The 100th Anniversary Play – L-R: Robin Ableson, the narrator; Alan Ableson as Andrew Edwards; Kirk Veech as Josephus Green; Sandra Kenney-Veech as Louise D. Macdonald; Naomi Wilkins as Rebecca Edwards; Robert Burtch as John C. Linklater

Photo by Penny Stewart



Town Poet Laureate Gretchen Huntley with Park Coordinator Joan MacKinnon

Photo by Penny Stewart

marking a 'Camp Fire' rose, planted in memory of member and former president, Lucille McDonald, was unveiled by her daughter, J.C. Kenny, and granddaughters, Samantha and Emma Kenny. A 1939 Studebaker in pristine condition was loaned by Rob Janke for attendees to enjoy viewing.

Following the official ceremonies, attendees were served lemonade and spiced cupcakes, a period favourite. A number of members dressed in 1920's garb to add to the flavour of the event. Displays of Park photos from the last century showed how much the Park has changed during that time period. A lush display of hydrangeas and 'Bubblegum' pink petunias filled a wooden flower cart that had been constructed in 1997 to promote Society Flower shows. The onset of rain around 3:15 p.m. cut the event about 45 minutes short but all the main activities had been concluded by that time. A video of the main program was filmed by member Jordan Greer and has been posted on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/0Es7Bpa02-w?si=HFr1Y4OobK2J2KmY>.



Flower cart at the 100th Anniversary party, with Metje Mabee. Metje was president of the OHA in 1994-95 and has been a member of the Gananoque Horticultural Society for 60 years.

Photo by Joan MacKinnon

Sadly, at the end of October, the bronze sculpture created by the late local artist Noel Bullock, and unveiled in the Park in May, was stolen. The sculpture, including its concrete stand, disappeared one night and the concern is that it has been taken to be melted down. A \$1000 reward for its return had been offered jointly by the Horticultural Society and Dennis O'Connor of O'Connor Gallery in Gananoque.

The Gananoque Horticultural Society Park provides a place for local residents and visitors to relax and enjoy the colourful gardens. It will continue to evolve and showcase new varieties of flowers and vegetables, while encouraging visitors to become interested in gardening themselves.

Hydrilla

Submitted by Joyce Schlegel, District 10 Director



Hydrilla is a hardy invasive aquatic plant that grows in freshwater lakes or rivers. It can be found on every continent across the globe, except Antarctica; and is believed to have originated from Asia.

Hydrilla was initially brought to North America as an aquarium plant in the 1950's, but its rapid growth made it undesirable. Aquariums were emptied out in waterways where the plants thrived and grew at an alarming rate, reaching the water's surface even from depths of 40 feet. Once at the surface, deep mats of vegetation form that block sunlight and deplete nutrients, wreaking havoc on native plants and aquatic life.

In late 2023, Hydrilla was found for the first time in Canada, in the areas around Peterborough and Leamington, Ontario. These areas are closed to all recreational activities for the cleanup of this highly invasive aquatic species. The rapid spread can be attributed to fragments attaching to recreational boats, vehicles, humans, or animals and being inadvertently carried from one area to another. Even the smallest fragment can establish a new colony elsewhere.

To eradicate Hydrilla, it is both time-consuming and expensive, by water drawdown, physical removal, chemical treatment or biological control with "grass-eating" carp. The plants must be disposed of properly as they can remain viable for several years and can re-establish colonies should it be submerged in water.

In Ontario, Hydrilla is listed as a prohibited invasive species under Ontario's Invasive Species Act, 2015.

Think you have seen an invasive species? **Report it!**

Invading Species Hotline: 1-800-563-7711

<https://www.eddmaps.org/>





OHA Awards and Grants

By Sharlene Desjardins, December 1, 2024

The Ontario Horticultural Association sponsors various awards and grants each year. Awards are presented annually during the Convention and throughout the year by the District Directors. Grants are approved in March and reimbursed throughout the year. The new downloadable and printable Awards Booklet is now available online at the GardenOntario website: www.gardenontario.org. The booklet is designed to inform the members of the awards and grants available and the procedure to follow to submit a nomination/application.

Awards presented at the convention are:

- Silver Medal Award
- Trillium/Silver Fir Award
- Award of Merit
- Community Improvement Award
- Environmental Award
- Youth Leader Award
- Honour Roll Award
- Technical Award

The deadline for receipt of nominations is February 28, 2025.

The Awards Coordinator will forward the nominations to the Awards Committee for selection of the winning recipients.

The OHA Awards Committee is comprised of the President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Past President, North/East Regional Representative, South/West Regional Representative, Secretary, Awards Coordinator and the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council. Any decision of the Committee will be considered as a decision of the Board of Directors.

Please give serious consideration to selecting people who would be worthy recipients of these prestigious awards.

For all grants and awards, please refer to the application/nomination forms for more details.

For Special Project Grants, Environmental Project Grants, Community Garden Grants, Pollinator Project Grants and Accessibility Garden Grants, the following requirements for reimbursement will apply:

The reporting form must be received by the OHA Awards Coordinator before December 31st of the following year. i.e. a grant awarded in 2025 must have all paperwork submitted to and received by the Awards Coordinator by December 31st of 2026. If a reporting

form accompanied by copies of original receipts and photos is not received by this time, it will be assumed that the project was not completed and the grant will be cancelled.

Plant a Tree

The Ontario Horticultural Association is continuing its Tree Planting Grant whereby an affiliated Society/Club of the Ontario Horticultural Association may apply for up to \$300 for a special tree planting. Up to 20 tree-planting grants will be awarded in 2025.

The grant is to be used for the purchase of a tree(s) to be planted in a community or public space. A request by a Society/Club outlining the species of tree to be purchased, where the tree will be planted, a permission letter from the township and whether the planting commemorates a special event for the Society/Club/Community should be sent to the Ontario Horticultural Association's Awards Coordinator. The tree grants will be awarded on a **first come basis**, up to a maximum of 20 awards per year. This grant is available every second year. The awarded Society/Club must complete the planting of their tree by the end of the year. For example: if the grant is awarded in 2024, the tree must be planted and receipts received by the Awards Coordinator by December 31, 2024.

Once approved, payment is made upon submission of a copy of the original receipt for the tree and a digital picture of the planting. The picture becomes the property of the OHA.

Begin a Special Project or Environmental Project

The Ontario Horticultural Association is offering up to 4 Special Project/Environmental Grants of up to \$1000 each as part of the ongoing support of affiliated Societies/Clubs. These projects must have a long lasting benefit to the Society/Club, community or environment. There are two subcategories on the application form and you must choose the one your Society/Club wants to complete. When preparing your application, be sure to include information about the location and use of the project, a budget for the project, one or two photographs of the site, the estimated costs and any other criteria required for the project you wish to undertake. Please keep your application to a maximum of 10 pages.

Any Society/Club that receives this funding cannot apply again for five years.

To be considered for a Special Project/Environmental grant in 2025, an application form and the accompanying

information should be completed, sent to and received by the Awards Coordinator no later than February 28, 2024. Application forms are available on the OHA website at www.gardenontario.org.

OHA Community Garden Grant

The Ontario Horticultural Association encourages its affiliated Societies/Clubs to create or contribute to community gardens whether urban or rural. The OHA will award a grant of up to \$500 each to up to three Societies/Clubs to assist in the funding of a new community garden or the upgrading of an existing community garden.

A community garden is a plot of land, either publicly or privately owned, that is used to grow food for gardeners and/or the surrounding community. Either the whole space is communal or each member maintains a plot. Members share in the upkeep of the garden and are encouraged to participate in the decision-making process and socialize with other gardeners.

Eligible expenses include costs related to site development such as the construction of raised beds and accessible planters as well as tools, materials and equipment costs. Upgrading a garden may take the form of adding a washroom, a compost area, a water harvesting area, fencing or other installations that support the gardening activities of the members.

When completing your application, please include information about permissions to build a garden on your site, insurance waivers for participants, a budget, a plan of your project and any partners in your project.

To apply, complete the Community Garden Grant application form and send it to the Awards Coordinator, who must receive it no later than February 28 of 2025. If your community garden project is awarded a grant, payment will follow receipt of a completed reporting form including copies of original receipts and pictures of the completed project.

Pollinator Project Grant

As part of the ongoing pollinator health initiative, the OHA will provide up to ten grants of up to \$200.00 each to eligible affiliated Societies/Clubs to create habitat in the form of pollinator friendly gardens or nesting sites on public land.

Eligible expenses include the purchase and installation of perennials and shrubs and/or construction materials and supplies for the creation of nesting sites.

To apply, complete the Pollinator Project Grant application form and send it to the Awards Coordinator who must receive it no later than February 28 of the current year. If your pollinator project is awarded a grant, payment will follow receipt of a reporting form including copies of original receipts and pictures of the completed project.

Youth Help Program Grant

To assist Societies/Clubs working with youth, the OHA will be offering up to 20 youth grants of up to \$75.00 each.

The Youth Help Program Grant provides Societies/Clubs that work with youth financial support. Any Society/Club working with youth and in good standing with the OHA may apply for the grant. The grant may be used for programming, seeds, special events, supplies, start up of a youth program, etc. for the Society/Club applying for the grant.

Updated youth grant forms are available on the OHA website at www.gardenontario.org. This grant is available yearly.

Technical Advancement Grant

The Technical Advancement Grant was introduced in 2021 to an overwhelming number of applications. This grant is awarded on a first come basis and, in 2025, there will be up to six grants available of up to \$250 each. A Society/Club may only receive this grant twice with a three-year waiting period between applications. The Society/Club may choose to purchase a web-based subscription or technical equipment.

Youth Project Grant

The Ontario Horticultural Association developed this grant to assist Youth Programs for their work on a public beautification/native/pollinator project. OHA outdoor signage and a grant of up to \$150 may be awarded annually to up to three Youth Programs/Clubs. Application forms are available at the GardenOntario website. This grant may be applied for annually.

Accessibility Grant

For the purposes of this grant, an accessible garden is defined as a plot of land, either publicly or privately owned, that will support people who experience disabilities, with respect for dignity, and responds to a person's individual needs and promotes integration and full participation. Examples could include but are not limited to: a sensory garden for the visually impaired, wheelchair accessible raised gardens or quiet meditation areas.

Ontario Horticultural Association 50/50 Draws

Please note that the OHA 50/50 draws are helping to support the Awards and Grants Program. If you would like to purchase tickets, you may do so through the GardenOntario Rafflebox website at the following link: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

Also available are applications for Horticultural Service Certificates, Judging/Exhibiting Service Certificates and District Service Plaques. Please read the application form carefully and take the time to consider all the volunteers in your Society/Club who work diligently to keep your Society operating smoothly. Nominate a deserving individual for 2025.

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Thunder Bay Horticultural Society

Pictures and article by Vickie Bureau, President

The Thunder Bay Horticultural Society was quite active over the past 3 months with excellent presentations, public plantings, outreach events, our gardens put to bed for the winter months and our AGM.

September started off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 10 for our 2nd 100th Anniversary bench. Members and invited guests gathered at Magnus Theatre, Red River Road side, with Acting Mayor, Dominic Pasqualino performing the ribbon cutting honour. A gathering followed in the Magnus Theatre Lounge for congratulatory speeches from Dominic Pasqualino, Acting Mayor, Thom Currie, Artistic Director, Magnus Theatre and Society President, Vickie Bureau and was followed by cake and coffee graciously supplied by Magnus Theatre. A big shout-out goes to Shirley Robson for coordinating this celebration on our behalf.



Magnus Theatre Bench Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

An enlightening presentation on Therapeutic Gardening at our general meeting was presented by Master Gardeners Linda Lahteenmaa and Aili Dampier. Isabelle Label was the recipient of a Shamrock plant for the month.

Our Summer Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show consisted of 7 exhibitors and 74 entries, with congratulations to all show participants.

NAME	DIVISION	AWARD
Vickie Bureau	Highest Aggregate Division 1	Society Trophy Best in Section C: Annuals Best in Section E: Bulbs, Corms & Tubers Best in Section I: Vegetables
Anne Turner	Division 2	Decorative Floral Arrangements & Design Best in Show
Jessica Marr	Division 1	Best in Section B: Potted Plants
Shirley Robson	Division 1	Best in Section G: Collections Best in Section H: Fruits
Lucy Zussino	Division 1	Best in Section D: Perennials
Honourable mention		Best in Section A: Roses
Shari Frenette		
Mehki Marr		
Show judge – Pat Izsak		Clerks – Susan Prince, Cheryl Prokosh

In October, a purple peony was planted in the dedication garden to commemorate the passing of our Society members. The fall community gardens, 6 in total, all received a light weeding and shrub trimming. The pelargoniums were lifted to be over-wintered and yellow tulips planted at the Dedication Garden. Magnus Theatre's large flower pots were decorated twice, once in a fall theme and then in a festive winter one and at the conservatory, a trench was reestablished around the beds and flower seeds collected for next year's upcoming Seedy Saturday events. The excellent presenters for the month were Beth Stewart, from the Hive Alive Rural Beekeepers on Bees in the Garden, and Dr. Faisal Girash with Homeopathy.

The Society's updated By-laws and Code of Conduct were unanimously passed by members and thanks go out to those who worked on these living documents.

The Orange Flower Photo Contest Winners, decided by members at the September meeting, were Lucy Zussino, Shari Frenette and Vanessa Aho. Congratulations to all who submitted their orange flower photos for the contest.



Lucy Zussino



Shari Frenette



Vanessa Aho



Orange Flower Photo Board

November found members enjoying our AGM with a delicious potluck dinner, which was accompanied by pictures from our Societies' activities throughout the year projected at the front of the hall and Christmas music playing in the background. Attendees brought in toonie bags (secret Santa bags) for purchase with proceeds going towards our dedication garden. The inmemoriam was delivered by Tara Monteith for society members, Martti Huotari and

Shirley Robson, who passed away this year followed by congratulations to those who will be celebrating something special in the months of November to January. Our members were presented with their Society Years of Service pins, Life Memberships, Volunteer Hours of the Month and the President's Awards. The Winter Festivities Design Show had 5 exhibitors and 19 entries, with congratulations to all show participants.

Name

Cheryl Prokosh
 Shari Frenette
 Vickie Bureau
 Diane Van Wagoner
 Irma Huotari
 Show judge – Marie Hynna
 Clerks – Patriena Marr,
 Amirah Bureau

Show Placement / Award

Best in Show



Winter Design Show Entries



Elections were conducted by Wilma Wood and the swearing in of 2024- 2025 Board of Executives was performed by City of Thunder Bay Councilor, Dominic Pasqualino.



2024-2025 Board of Directors

Our flower photo colour for 2025, voted on by Society members, will be Yellow and Blue. This year's major door prize winners are Shari Frenette, \$125.00 gift certificate, Bill Martin's Nursery and Susanne Bubnick, \$75.00 gift certificate, Landale Gardens, both of which are proud sponsors of our Society yearbook. The collection of non-perishable food items brought in by our members was delivered by Ian Robson for the Lakehead University student food bank.

Gnome for Christmas was the theme this year for the Rotary Santa Claus Parade, November 16th, for the 2nd year on an exceptional day with lots of fun, camaraderie and fresh air. Thank you to all participants in this excellent outreach event and planning ideas are already flowing for next year. Rounding out the year will be participating at a Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign, December 5th, which is an excellent way to give back to the community.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE



A HUGE thank you to all Thunder Bay Horticultural Society members for volunteering this year through their knowledge and especially their camaraderie at the numerous Society outreach events, public plantings and meetings, without you we would not be able to partake in the many venues, Society activities and continue to grow together as a Society.

Seasons Greetings to All

May you have visions of gardening and seed lists dancing in your dreams over the cold winter months.

Agincourt Garden Club

Submitted by Cheryl Gaw Penner

Photos by Cheryl Gaw Penner

Some but not all of the highlights from our 2024 season

We kicked the year off with a Zoom right from Bermuda, learning about “Bermuda Blooms” in deep Canadian January. It was wonderful to speak to fellow gardeners from Bermuda and share information. For instance, they hadn’t heard of jumping worms before. We had several, very good speakers throughout the season.

Have you ever had a guest speaker cancel at the last minute? This happened to us in May when our guest speaker on Orchids fell ill and could not attend our meeting at the last minute. But, as luck would have it, the fabulous, famous, flower designer Mary Ann Vercammen bailed us out of this jam with flying colours. You see, Mary Ann was our judge that night! While Mary Ann was doing the judging of our flower show, the members had a Q + A answering the crowd’s questions on orchids. After Mary Ann finished judging the show, she put on her cape and started educating the members on the how/ why of the show results. She also answered general questions from the members and we all learned something new.

The May plant sale was held outdoors for the 3rd year in a row. We had been blessed with perfect weather for the past 2 years. This enabled more people to participate comfortably, eliminating the stairs into and out-of the hall. But we paid for it this year. We had torrential rains all day! So the members managing the plants outside were drenched to the bone. The members inside managed the gently-used treasures, the raffles; etc. Peter Keeping with his truck full of Clematis and Sheila Cule with her perennial, annual cactus were added attractions plus the tables of indoor/outdoor plants and veggies. Our Club expert Herta Matz sold close to \$500 of home-grown tomatoes, herself! And donated that back to the Club. I don’t know how we made more money than last year under these horrible weather conditions but we did. Later, Bruce and Cathy Vodden donated 2 tents to the Club to help us out in the future.

During the year, we attended multiple events to advertise our Club (Seedy Saturdays and Christmas Markets). We got new members from doing this. Some of our new members entered the flower shows and won awards. It was fantastic to see this enthusiasm.

In September, the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show filled the hall with the 205 entries, despite having almost no flowers left in many gardens. Again, we had perfect weather. A steady stream of visitors kept us hopping on the plant, vegetable and design floor and in the tea room. We saw a dahlia-like flower in the cosmos section of the show and alerted the owner John Pugh that he had put that flower in the wrong section. – Ha... Ha... Ha... the joke was on us! John had found Double Click Cosmos that looked like a dahlia! We had an abundance of help from our volunteers that we really appreciated. We asked the Bluffs Monitor online newspaper if they wanted to send a photographer, they did and also sent a reporter to cover the event. The reporter’s senior mother attended as well. She used to be a flower designer, including a Japanese Ikebana Flower designer. She was thrilled with all the entries and the fact she could remember the names of the plants she handled daily in the past.

In October, we had our first bus tour since Covid! The tour sold out right away. It was a great success in spirit and eye candy. We had so many laughs on the bus on our way to Hamilton’s Gage Park Mum Show, where the theme was Candy Land. This show did not disappoint, being colourful and entertaining. Then we were off to Niagara College School



of Culinary Arts for a fabulous lunch in the Benchmark Restaurant! The dessert was out of this world. Later, we visited a garden centre in Grimsby for some shopping.

Just an idea, are you in contact with other Clubs? Of course, we have the contact info for the other Clubs in our District, but do you attend their plant shows, sales, bus trips? This is something I would encourage within the District and outside the District when the opportunity arrives. You already have something in common with the other Clubs' members, but they can have different tips, trips and ideas that work with your Club.

We will have our usual pot luck dinner in December, along with "Elvis" for the live entertainment to end off our season with great food, friendship and fun.



Photos by Cheryl Gaw Penner

Leaside Garden Society

Submitted by Joanna Blanchard

In May 2024, thanks to the generosity of District 5, the Leaside Garden Society sponsored a visit by a Grade 4 class from Thorncliffe Park Public School to the teaching garden at the Toronto Botanical Garden. The school is in a neighborhood of high-rises and very few of the students have access to their own green space so this is quite an adventure for them. The teacher, a couple of parents, some school support staff and three LGS members accompanied the class of about 27 students.

The Grade 4 programme at the Botanical Garden is called "Where the Wild Things Roam", which ties in with the Grade 4 curriculum's focus on habitat and introduces the students to the wide range of species present in the gardens and the adjacent ravine. It includes various activities, the favourites being handling earth worms, which involves screams of horror and delight, and planting vegetable seeds. The vegetables that survive are later donated to a food bank.

With the help of a grant from the District, the Society paid the fee for each child (\$10.00 plus tax) and also provided snacks for the children.

I think it's true to say that a good time was had by all – though one boy grumbled over and over that it was: "The worst school trip he had ever been on." But, by the end of the morning, he had succumbed to the lure of the great outdoors and had come around and even participated in an activity or two when he thought no-one was looking!

Thank you, District 5 for helping us to make this happen for these students!

Lake Simcoe Gardeners

*Submitted by Tony Snider, Past President
Photo provided by Malcolm Geast, OHA Historian*

On August 13, 2024, the Lake Simcoe South Shore Horticultural Society (The Lake Simcoe Gardeners) lost one of its last remaining founding members, Audrey Whitcombe, at the age of 93 years. Though Audrey was a member of our Club, and will be long remembered by our members for her enthusiastic participation in the life of our Society, she will also be remembered by many in other Societies as her work with the gardening community went far beyond the boundaries of the Lake Simcoe South Shore and included involvement at both the District and Provincial levels.

In 1973, Audrey was one of a group of avid gardeners who came together with the assistance of the Town Council in Georgina, to form the Lake Simcoe Horticultural Society and she remained an active member of our Society until very recently, when she had to slow down due to her advanced age. Early in her life, Audrey gardened extensively in her large residential garden on Black River Road in Sutton, Ontario and, when age required her to downsize in her sunset years, she continued to garden on a much smaller scale at "The Oaks" retirement home in Sutton. Most recently, and until her death, she resided at the West Shore Retirement Living Village in Port Perry, Ontario. Though moving somewhat more slowly than she would have liked, in 2023, Audrey attended the Lake Simcoe South Shore Society's 50th anniversary celebrations, regaling members with stories and anecdotes of the Club's 50-year history. And her infectious laugh and booming voice were as welcome and memorable as ever.

Her Contributions to Ontario Gardening Were Impressive

In addition to her role as a founding member of the Lake Simcoe Society, Audrey held numerous positions on the Board which included a stint as the Club's president from 1978-1980, many years as a Director and many more years as Chair of the Flower Show Committee. She was a frequent competitor in the Society's flower, vegetable and photographic competitions, often winning ribbons for her many entries. When volunteers were needed to plant community gardens, or to provide educational demonstrations and presentations on various aspects of gardening, Audrey was always there to lend a hand.

Audrey felt deeply about the need to involve younger members of the community in horticultural pursuits and was instrumental in setting up the Lake Simcoe Society's first Youth Group. When that group was dissolved several years after it was initiated, Audrey, undeterred, began to visit local schools to promote horticulture and the aims of the Society. Although that program, too, eventually came to an end, her desire to involve the youth of the community never faltered and she was an enthusiastic supporter of later programs that developed. In addition, Audrey worked for a period on the OHA's Youth Committee. For several years, she volunteered at the Sutton Public School every Monday morning with the Breakfast Club program. For more than a decade, she served on the Committee for the Home Gardener Vegetable Competition at the Sutton Fair.



Audrey receiving her Silver Medal in 2008

Inspired by what she learned about the Master Gardener Program when she attended the 1987 OHA Convention, Audrey applied to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) to launch a Master Gardener Program in Georgina. In 1988, her efforts came to fruition and the first Master Gardeners' group in York Region was founded with Audrey as its chief organizer and first Co-ordinator. Under her direction, the group created a weekly cable TV program which soon grew into a popular call-in show with Audrey as the host. She continued her involvement with the Master Gardeners until her death, eventually becoming a Master Gardener Emeritus.

Audrey loved to attend the OHA convention, seeing the conventions as an opportunity to network and visit with old friends and she was a perennial attendee at OHA conventions. When she retired from active membership in the Lake Simcoe Society several years ago, she had missed only two conventions since 1978. Audrey was also involved with the OHA in other ways. She served on the District 5 Board as an Assistant District Director and as Treasurer.

Audrey's commitment to gardening overflowed into other community service work as well. For 20 years, she was a volunteer at the Riverglen Haven Nursing Home where she worked with residents and promoted Therapeutic gardening. She canvassed for the Canadian Cancer Society for 25 years and was a driver for that agency for six years. She assisted, while still able, to plant and maintain the beds at Briar Hill Cemetery. As well, Audrey was very involved with her local church, serving in various capacities. She also volunteered with the York Region Senior Games and Georgina Senior Games, being their official photographer. For 15 years, Audrey and her husband delivered Meals-on-Wheels in the Georgina area.

As a result of her work in horticulture and in the community, Audrey was honoured many times. In 2000, she received a Province of Ontario Volunteer Service Award for her work as a Master Gardener. In 2001, Audrey was named Georgina's Citizen of the Year. In 2002, she was honoured with the Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee Medal. In 2003, she received the Provincial Service Award for 30 years with her local Horticultural Society. In 2008, much to her surprise and delight, while in attendance at the Brampton OHA Convention, Audrey received the OHA's prestigious Silver Medal, which was awarded to her in recognition of her outstanding work in the promotion of horticulture. She wore that medal proudly whenever she had the chance in the years that followed. With personal interests that extend beyond horticulture, Audrey enjoyed folk-art painting, knitting and crocheting. She was an avid 5-pin bowler for 30 years and maintained a high average. And to keep up her circulation, balance and agility, she began doing Tai Chi. She had a cat named Calico who she always recalled had been born in the greenhouse. Her favourite flower was the peony.

Though Audrey is no longer with us, she will long be remembered. We will miss her. Rest in peace dearest Audrey.

Article written by Tony Snider, Past President, Lake Simcoe Gardeners. He was assisted by both Marilyn Cox, from the Lake Simcoe Gardeners and Malcolm Geast, OHA Historian, who spent time with Audrey on the District Executive and kindly provided him with the information that was submitted at the time Audrey was nominated for the Silver Medal.



Guelph Arboretum Workshops

*Submitted by Barb Watson-Ash, Marketing and Office Co-ordinator
The Arboretum, University of Guelph*

We have some great workshops in the new year on gardening topics. They are on our website at: <https://arboretum.uoguelph.ca/educationandevents/workshops>. We will be adding a pruning workshop in addition to what is already there.



Virtual Earth Day Celebration

Submitted by Sandra Rammelaere

On April 25, 2025, the OHA will be hosting a virtual Earth Day celebration using WebEx (like Zoom, so you can participate using your computer, tablet, or smartphone). Starting at 7:00 pm, the event will feature Emily Posteraro, from the Invasive Species Centre. Please mark it on your calendars and keep checking for more information <https://gardenontario.org>.



Garden Ontario *Save The Date!*

Earth Day Celebration

April 25, 2025
7:00 pm
via WebEx

featuring
Emily Posteraro
Invasive Species Centre

Further details to follow



An OHA Climate Legacy Collaboration: Connecting Gardening and the Green Movement

Submitted by Sandra Rammelaere on behalf of Climate Legacy, written by Eric Murphy, photo supplied by Climate Legacy

As the climate changes, so do our gardens. Warming temperatures mean some plants that once thrived in an area may now struggle, and extreme fluctuations in weather can outright kill others through cold snaps or flooding. You may have noticed fewer pollinators, or the sudden presence of once-rare insects and plant pathogens that have reached Canada as the heat allows them to move further north.

Of course, these shifts are likely just the tip of the iceberg. In the coming years and decades, we will have to adjust every aspect of our lives, including our gardens, to the new reality of a warming climate. However, just how much the climate warms is still up to us. If we act quickly enough, it is still very possible to avoid the most dire impacts of climate change.



In 2019, Climate Legacy was founded by a group of seniors to help other older Canadians more easily use their unique voice, skills, and their money to leave a better planet for future generations in Canada and around the world. We saw younger people like Greta Thunberg were mobilizing, and had to ask ourselves why seniors' concerns about their children and grandchildren's futures weren't being heard. We resolved to help engage others like ourselves. Some of us are gardeners, but we all enjoy being in nature and we want to preserve the health of our natural environment as well as the health of our friends and family.

One of the ways **Climate Legacy** supports seniors interested in getting involved in the climate movement is by providing learning materials and ready-made resources they can use to learn about this work and get started on their own. These resources, all of which can be found on climatelegacy.ca, include:

- Our monthly newsletter which covers a wide variety of topics from examining high-level policy to practical how-to guides on subjects like planning a more climate friendly vacation or protecting your home from extreme weather
- Informative webinars going back to 2019, all of which are recorded and available on our website
- Eye-catching social media infographics anyone can copy and use
- A calendar of upcoming climate events – if you see one in your area, feel free to attend!

There are many reasons that people who are passionate about gardening might be concerned about the rapidly-changing climate. Increasing temperatures, changes in rainfall and more severe, unpredictable weather are already putting some of our native plants at risk. These changes can also cause habitat loss for creatures that play an important role in our ecosystem, or hinder animals' movement through a landscape.

If you haven't yet taken action against climate change, starting now might seem intimidating but there are many small steps you can take to get started. One simple starting point is completing Climate Legacy's **Nature and Climate Action Quiz**, which will help us learn how you perceive climate work, and how you connect it with your love of nature. Each of us can act to prevent worsening climate change and we look forward to working with you to find new ways for you to get involved or deepen your engagement. Future generations – as well as our delicate ecological balance – will thank you for it!

Additionally, if you have any thoughts or feedback on how you'd like to see the Ontario Horticultural Association and Climate Legacy work together, don't hesitate to let us know! You can email us at climatelegacycanada@gmail.com.

Taxonomy for Gardeners

By Cynthia B. Lauer

If you have ever groaned over the impossibility of pronouncing, much less learning, the Latin names of plants, you're not alone. But mustering respect for the scientific names of plants earns a gardener more than wisdom points. It also leads to an understanding of the connections between plant species some of which are downright surprising. Shared genetics means shared preferences of growing conditions. This is why knowing the basics of plant taxonomy will also improve gardening skills.

Taxonomy is the science of classifying living organisms. Flowering plants are found in the kingdom *Plantae* and the phylum *Magnoliophyta*. After that, classifications become staggering in their complexity. Family and genus often break down into sub-categories that are actively debated among taxonomists. To complicate matters further, many of our well-known garden plants are a variety, hybrid or cultivar of the species. These details are always noted in the scientific name for a plant.

Living things are designated by two Latin words or binomial that consists of the genus followed by the species. The carrot, for example, is *Daucus carota*, one of about 75 species of the *Daucus* genus worldwide. The common garden peony is *Paeonia lactiflora*, one of about 36 species of plants in the *Paeonia* genus. Protocol matters; the genus is capitalized and the whole name is italicized. To qualify as a species, a group of plants must descend from a common ancestor and must be able to reproduce with one another but generally not with the members of another species. The characteristics unique to the species are reproduced through their seeds from one generation to another.

The Benefits in Using Taxonomy

Taxonomy provides useful information to gardeners. Not only a who's who of plants, taxonomy also reveals who is related to who, where and when plants evolved and what this means in terms of a plant's needs.

There is another important advantage to the scientific name for plants; it avoids confusion over their common names. Landscapers often use "cedars" for hedges but they are not true cedars since they do not belong to the genus *Cedrus*. Eastern white "cedars" (sometimes marketed as Western white cedar or Western red cedar) are typically arborvitae (genus *Thuja*). The Eastern red "cedar" is really *Juniperus virginiana*. Martagon, wood, and oriental lilies are members of the genus *Lilium*. Yet as a common name, the lily abounds. We have the day (*Hemerocallis*), trout (*Erythronium*), mariposa (*Calochortus*), blood (*Haemanthus*), crinum (*Crinum*), calla (*Zantedeschia*), canna (*Canna*), cobra (*Darlingtonia*), spider (*Hymenocallis*), voodoo (*Amorphophallus*), and pineapple lily (*Eucomis*), as well as the lily of the Nile (*Agapanthus*) and the lily of the valley (*Convallaria*). None are true lilies; most belong to a different taxonomic family altogether.

The problem becomes serious when it comes to the control of invasive plant species. At one presentation I attended, gardeners were warned against the aquatic and highly invasive yellow iris. Some feared that the pretty yellow flower in their gardens was the dreaded *Iris pseudacorus* confusing it with the benign ornamental *Iris siberica*. We know that the Asian multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) invades woodlands but it shouldn't be confused with our native roses like the smooth rose (*Rosa blanda*), the prairie rose (*Rosa setigera*) the wild rose (*Rosa rugosa*), the prickly wild rose (*Rosa acicularis*), and the swamp rose (*Rosa palustris*). Creeping bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*) and the native harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*) are both called bellflowers, but only the first of these is the invasive species that many gardeners fight every year.

How and Why Taxonomy is Changing

The science of taxonomy is dynamic. New technologies in DNA sequencing of related plants have opened up knowledge about resistance to disease and insects that may be used to improve food crops, develop new drugs, control trade in endangered species, and manage natural environments. This advancement has revolutionized the science of taxonomy.



Solidago bicolor

Carolus Linnaeus' 1753 publication, *Species Plantarum* included more than 6,000 plants under his hierarchy and binomial naming system that are still in use today. Revisions to the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature are adopted at an international congress held every six years. Decisions are inscribed into the International Plant Names Index (IPNI) authorized by a collaboration between The Royal Botanic Gardens, The Harvard University Herbaria and The Australian National Herbarium. To give just a few examples, rosemary, the common culinary herb, is no longer known as *Rosmarinus officinalis* but as *Salvia rosmarinus* and Russian sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*) is now *Salvia yangii*. Joe-pye weed is no longer a *Eupatorium* but a *Eutrochium*. North American asters are now in the *Symphotrichum* genus to distinguish them from European asters with whom, science has proven, they have little in common. North American asters are more closely related to goldenrods. What was known as *Aster ptarmicoides* turns out to be a white-rayed species of goldenrod, *Solidago bicolor*.

Here is a taxonomic overview of six of the best-known plant families.



Rosemary (*Salvia rosmarinus*)



Giant Hogweed (*Herracleum mantegazzianum*)

The Apiaceae Family

Breaking down into over 400 genera and 3700 species, this plant family includes vegetables and culinary herbs found in every kitchen. The distinctive characteristic of this family are the tiny flowers made up of five petals, sepals, and stamens arranged like an umbrella (or umbel). The tap root of carrots (*Daucus carota*) and parsnips (*Pastinaca sativa*) are harvested as food while in celery (*Apium graveolens*), it's the stalks of the plant that are eaten. Seeds, leaves or fruit can contain aromatic oils giving flavour to food cooked with anise (*Pimpinella anisum*), chervil (*Anthriscus cerefolium*), cumin (*Cuminum cyminum*), cilantro/coriander (*Coriandrum sativum*), parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*) and dill (*Anethum graveolens*). Seeds of fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*), cumin and caraway (*Carum carvi*) are also used in cooking.

As wildflowers, diligent plant identification is crucial since some members of the *Apiaceae* family are very dangerous. The deadliest plants in North America are poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), water hemlock (*Cicuta maculata*) and cow parsley (*Aethusa cynapium*) because they contain compounds that cause convulsions. (Despite their common name, these plants are completely unrelated to the hemlock tree). Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is a problem plant from Maine to British Columbia; visitors to public parks may see warning signs posted.

The Lamiaceae Family

Lamiaceae now comprises more than 230 genera and over 7000 species. Members of this family have readily recognizable features. They are all herbaceous, have square stems, four stamens and four nutlets or seeds. Flower clusters are arranged as a tube with five lobes and two lips held by five fused sepals. Many North American genera support bees and other pollinators.

Known as the mint family, *Lamiaceae* includes all of the mints (peppermint, pennyroyal, catnip), but also sage (*Salvia* spp.), basil (*Ocimum basilicum*), oregano (*Origanum vulgare*), marjoram (*Origanum majorana*), lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*) and thyme (*Thymus vulgaris*). In addition to their use in the kitchen, *Lamiaceae* provides us with aromatic oil (e.g. lavender, *Lavandula*; patchouli, *Pogostemon cablin*), wood (eg. teak, *Tectona grandis*), ornamentals (eg. salvia,

bee balm, coleus, lamb's ears), and medicinal herbs like Korean mint (*Agastache rugosa*), hyssop (*Hyssopus officinalis*), and heal-all (*Prunella vulgaris*), making it an important group ecologically and horticulturally. Quite a few introduced members of *Lamiaceae* spread aggressively. Catnip (*Nepeta cataria*), shisho (*Perilla frutescens*), all-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*), the mints (*Mentha* spp.), lamiums (*Lamia* spp.) and creeping Charlie (*Glechoma hederacea*) all require vigorous control.

The Fabaceae Family

Fabaceae has traditionally been divided into three subfamilies one of which, *Faboideae*, is legumes consisting of about 475 genera and nearly 14,000 species. It consists mostly of herbaceous plants plus some trees and shrubs that bear fruit in the form of a bean or legume. Examples of genera and species are beans (*Phaseolus*), peas (*Vicia*, *Pisum*), chickpeas (*Cicer arietinum*), sweet peas (*Lathyrus*), lentils (*Lens culinaris*), peanuts (*Arachis hypogaea*), soybeans (*Glycine max*), alfalfa (*Medicago*) and clover (*Trifolium*). Some gardeners may not expect to find these other members of the family – honey locust (*Gleditsia*), black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), Kentucky coffee tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*), redbud (*Cercis*), kudzu vine (*Pueraria montana*), licorice (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*), lupine (*Lupinus*), mesquite (*Prosopis*), mimosa (*Mimosa*), tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*), rooibos (*Aspalanthus linearis*) and wisteria (*Wisteria*).



Kentucky coffee tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)

Legumes are well-known for their role in fixing nitrogen in soil. Through a symbiotic relationship, nitrogen from the air is fixed into a compound that can be absorbed by plants once the roots of the host plant decay. When this occurs, nitrogen products are released into the soil. Most of our forests, prairies and deserts could not exist without the nitrogen produced by legumes.

The Poaceae Family

With around 12,000 species and roughly 800 genera, Poaceae contains the cereal crops, bamboos and all of the grasses – prairie, steppe, savannah, pasture and lawn. Ecologically and economically, Poaceae is the most important of all plant families. Grasslands are estimated to constitute 40.5% of the land area of the earth excluding Greenland and Antarctica. Grasses are an important part of the vegetation in many habitats including wetlands, forests, tundra, desert, freshwater and marine habitats at all but the highest elevations.

With domestication, bread wheat (*Triticum aestivum*), barley (*Hordeum vulgare*), oats (*Avena sativa*) and rye (*Secale cereale*) in the Middle East, sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) in Africa, rice (*Oryza sativa*) in Southeast Asia and corn/maize (*Zea mays*) in Central America have supported many civilizations. In world production, the four best-known crops – sugarcane, wheat, rice and corn/maize – provide more than half of all calories consumed by humans. Tef (*Eragrostis*), millet (*Pennisetum*) and wild rice (*Zizania*) belong in the family as do bamboo (many genera), reed grass (*Phragmites*) and sugarcane (*Saccharum*). Barley provides beer malt, rice is used in the production of sake, and corn is fermented for bourbon. Wheat, rye, corn and barley contribute to the making of whiskeys and vodka. Other grasses are used for livestock feed and bedding, soil stabilization, recreation areas, golf courses, building materials (eg. bamboo, thatch, straw), insulation and fuel (eg. ethanol).



Flowering apricot (*Prunus armeniaca*)



Phylogeny of Angiosperms

The Rosaceae Family

With over 2500 species in more than 90 genera, plants in the *Rosaceae* family are highly valued. Generally woody plants found in north temperate zones, most are shrubs or small to medium-size trees some of which have thorns, spines or prickles to discourage herbivores. *Rosaceae* includes apples (*Malus* spp.), pears (*Pyrus* spp.), plums, cherries, apricots, peaches, nectarines, almonds (*Prunus*), quince (*Cydonia*), strawberries (*Fragaria*), and raspberries (*Rubus*). Birds and other wildlife forage wild serviceberries (*Amelanchier* spp.), hawthorns (*Crataegus* spp.) and mountain ash (*Sorbus* spp.). Ornamentals include lady's mantle (*Alchemilla mollis*), cotoneaster, kerria, geum, cinquefoil (*Potentilla*), goatsbeard (*Aruncus*), ninebark (*Physocarpus*), spirea (*Spiraea*) and, of course, roses (*Rosa*).

The Asteraceae Family

With species running well over 30,000 or 10% of all flowering species, Asteraceae is the largest family of flowering plants. Their impressive biodiversity covers all habitats and regions on the planet except Antarctica. The chief characteristic of Asteraceae are composite flowers that, from a distance, look like a single flower. However, close inspection shows that the flower head is actually a cluster of tiny flowers. The "petals" are individual strap-shaped flowers called ray flowers surrounding a mass of smaller circular-shaped individual flowers called disc flowers.

Asteraceae is an economically important family providing products such as cooking oils, lettuce, sunflower seeds, sweetening agents, coffee substitutes and herbal teas. Of horticultural importance are marigold (*Tagetes*), calendula, cone flowers (*Echinacea*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*), daisies (*Leucanthemum*), chrysanthemums, dahlias, and zinnias. Cultivated and wild food crops include safflower (*Carthamus tinctorius*), sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*), lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*), chicory (*Cichorium intybus*), artichoke (*Cynara scolymus*) and Jerusalem



Artichoke flower (*Cynara cardunculus*)

artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*). Also found in the family are blanket flower, helenium, yarrow, burdock, coreopsis, cosmos, goldenrods, wormwood, boneset and many other species. Invasive members of the family include cornflower (*Centaurea* spp.), ragweed (*Ambrosia* spp.), Canada thistle and bull thistle (*Cirsium arvense*, *C. vulgare*), oxeye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*), coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*), and dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) among others.



Phylogeny of Angiosperms

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Societies Asked – Financial information

By Marian Heil, OHA Treasurer

I have been asked a couple of questions recently regarding Club funds, so, I thought it would be informative to add this in the Trillium. The OHA does not dictate financial policies to the Societies/Clubs. Each Society/Club is its own corporation with its own set of by-laws. However, I can help you understand some best practices:



Marian Heil

1. How much money can we keep in reserve?

According to most accounting standards, it is OK to keep one year of operating expenses in reserve to cover expenses in the event that something prevents the Club from realizing its income in a year. Operating expenses are all the costs that the club would pay to operate as the Society/Club.

This reserve can be kept in a GIC or a savings account.

It is also acceptable to keep a reserve for a special and specific project. Examples would be if the club is planning to host a District meeting or assist in a convention or there are plans to build a community garden and funds are being kept to help with these projects. The reserves should be noted on the financial statement as "Savings for... to be completed in 2025" (as an example).

Funds in excess of these specific reserves should be considered for spending. Consideration could be given to sending members to the OHA convention; doing a special garden project, paying for members to attend a District dinner or paying mileage to attend District events. There are many other ways to use funds to benefit your membership rather than letting it sit in the bank. These ways can be announced and/or voted on at your meetings to make members aware.

2. Are membership dues always necessary?

Our insurance company only covers members who have paid a membership fee to the Society/Club. This includes Life Members. Some Clubs ask Life members to pay a \$1 fee, others set aside money from a fundraiser and record it as membership payments for their life members. Yes, it must be recorded that way.

Generally speaking, the Society/Club membership fee should cover, at a minimum, the cost of hall rentals, speaker fees, refreshments at meetings and the cost of belonging to the OHA.

At the OHA AGM that was held in Guelph in 2024, a motion was passed that the OHA Affiliation fees (membership dues) will increase by 50 cents per member per year over the next 4 years. That means the per member OHA Affiliation fees in 2025 will be \$4.50; in 2026 \$5.00; in 2027 \$5.50 and in 2028 \$6.00. The OHA also invoices to recover insurance costs that are paid on behalf of Societies. In 2024, this cost was \$100 per society for Officer/Director Bond insurance plus \$.94 per member for Liability insurance. The 2025 rate could be higher as this amount fluctuates according to insurance costs and the number of members.

When Societies/Clubs are budgeting for their membership dues, all these things should be taken into consideration. Most Societies/Clubs also do some fundraising to help cover their costs.

Lennox and Addington Horticultural Society and Garden Club

*Submitted by Brad King, President
Written by Karla Maki-Esdon, Photos by Brad King*

The Ladies' Flower Garden at Allan Macpherson House is Brought Back to Life



Volunteers from the Lennox and Addington Horticultural Society and Garden Club have been working for the past two years to revive the Ladies' Flower Garden and other gardens at Allan Macpherson House.

The Lennox and Addington Historical Society maintained and cared for the house and the property for many years. The gardens were home to a variety of plants including vegetables, herbs, medicinal plants and flowers. The vegetables and herbs were used during community dinners – a regular feature for several years.

The Historical Society was unable to continue, due to declining membership, and voted to disband. In 2014, the Macpherson House and Park, as well as the Society's historical documents, pictures and artifacts were acquired by the County of Lennox and Addington.



The County asked the Horticultural Society to take over the maintenance of the gardens at Macpherson House in the fall of 2022. There had been little, or no work done on the gardens for the past 10 years, so it has proven to be quite a challenge to remove the weeds and keep the heritage flowers and medicinal plants.

Information and maps from the Ladies' Flower Garden show a variety of flowers including Baby's Breath, Spiderwort, Evening Primrose, Obedient Plants and Roses. Lemon Balm, Lavender, Costmary and Mint were among the herbs that were included in the garden.

The Horticultural Society has also been involved in several garden tours and information sessions in conjunction with the Macpherson House.

"This is our second summer working on the Allan Macpherson House gardens," said Brad King, President of the Lennox and Addington Horticultural Society and Gardening Club. "We get together every Wednesday morning. There is a regular crew of three to four volunteers, but new recruits are always welcome."

For more information about us, please visit our website at lahortsocgardenclub.ca. More information about Macpherson House can be found at countymuseum.ca/exhibit/macpherson-house-park.



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Dunnville Horticultural Society

By Deb Zynomirski and Melanie Ruigrok



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September launched Dunnville Horticultural Society (D.H.S.) into the busy Autumn season for, in addition to the regular schedule of activities, the group hosted an outing for its members. D.H.S. welcomed back Kyle McLaughlin of Ironwood Arboricultural Solutions to speak to members about fungi and mushrooms on a Thursday evening and followed up with a guided nature walk at Ruthven National Historic Site in Cayuga on the following day.

McLaughlin is a board certified arborist who is an expert on trees, mushrooms and fungi and the interconnected relationship they have. Through his presentation and in the field, members learned that what is seen above ground, the fruiting body of a mushroom for example, is just the tip of the iceberg! Many thousands of microscopic mycelia are at work underground. Mycelia are the root-like structures of fungi that support mushrooms (the fruiting body). Think of it as roots that support a flower stalk. Mycelia draw nutrients from the soil, or even from a host plant such as a tree, to nurture the fungi. Trees and fungi have a symbiotic relationship with each benefitting from the presence of the other in the forest. Members were intrigued to learn from McLaughlin that the white button mushrooms purchased at the grocery store are the same as Portabello mushrooms! The only difference being

their stage of growth. The button mushrooms are the babies, with no “gills” apparent. As the mushrooms grow and mature, their colour changes to a brownish grey, they get much bigger and their gills are exposed on the underside. The next time you take a walk through any forest, make note of more than just the trees... look underfoot for the mushrooms and fungi growing on or around them!

This busyness of Autumn continued with D.H.S. volunteers pulling out annuals, cleaning up flower beds and planting tulips. On another day, volunteers busily worked on adding evergreen branches, hydrangeas and other natural elements to planters and pots while others decorated shrubs to look like gnomes. All this was done in preparation for Dunnville’s ‘Light Up Night’ in early December.

The Society’s A.G.M. was held in November and the evening included a potluck meal, games, door prizes and the swearing-in of the 2025 Board of Directors. Members were excited to learn that D.H.S. had been selected, along with Haldimand Horticultural Society, as the recipients of the 2024 Haldimand County ‘Award of Distinction’ for all of the volunteer service that these two groups do for communities around Haldimand. To top off the evening, 70 lbs of non-perishable food items and cash donations were collected for the local food bank.

Dunnville Horticultural Society was established in 1929 and meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month (from September to June) at the Dunnville Optimist Hall, 101 Main Street East. The group looks forward to a bright 2025 with a variety of programs and projects for the community.



Native Plant Nurseries List

Submitted by Sandra Rammelaere, OHA Conservation and Environment Committee

During the cooler months of winter many gardeners take the time to peruse seed catalogues and make plans for their upcoming garden season. The OHA Conservation and Environment Committee encourages gardeners to try to include more native plants in their landscapes. The Canadian Wildlife Federation website has an extensive list of nurseries that sell native plants-perennials, bushes and shrubs, trees and grasses-across Canada.

<https://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore/gardening-for-wildlife/plants/buy/native-plant-suppliers/>

Simply click on the link for Ontario to look for nurseries that sell native plants that will thrive in your area of the province. There is also a link to their Native Plant Encyclopedia where you can look up a plant to read a description and determine if it will be hardy in your zone.

<https://cwf-fcf.org/en/resources/encyclopedias/native-plant-encyclopedia/>

The David Suzuki Foundation also has information on locating native seeds and plants across Canada including attending seed swaps and seed libraries and even becoming a Seed Sitter.

<https://davidsuzuki.org/living-green/how-to-source-native-seeds-and-plants/>





We Remember

Written and Submitted by Marilyn Cox, "In Memoriam" Coordinator

Photo by Cliff Robertson

Alexander McIntosh, from Lake Simcoe South Shore Horticultural Society (Lake Simcoe Gardeners), started the first OHA "In Memoriam" Book in 1995 in memory of his wife, Margaret V. Newell-McIntosh. This book was then donated to the Ontario Horticultural Association by her family. Some Societies have sent in names, pre-1995, and those names have been recorded along with the year of passing. Now, we have two OHA "In Memoriam" Books and the "In Memoriam" Coordinator keeps and maintains them.

- Entries in these books are the result of monetary donations, a minimum of \$25 per name, from Societies and individuals in memory of deceased members and other gardeners. The Donation Request Form can be found near the end of each Trillium Newsletter and on the gardenontario.org website. Presently, a majority of the donations are being done online, using its Donation Request Form. Payment methods include E-Transfer, Debit or Credit by Paypal or Cheque. The Coordinator remits any monies received to the OHA Treasurer for deposit, issue of receipts and family notifications.
- These Memorial Donations become part of a fund for the OHA Memorial Tree Grants. Starting January 1st each year, the OHA distributes grants, up to twenty (20), to eligible OHA-affiliated Societies/ Clubs in good standing, on a "first come, first serve" basis, and have not received a tree grant in the previous year. The Tree Grant Request Form is available on the gardenontario.org website.
- During the year, any Convention Acknowledgement Requests received, no monetary donations required, are emailed by the Coordinator to the OHA Secretary, who adds them to the slide presentation and booklet for the Convention's "Time of Remembrance".
- Whenever an in-person OHA Convention occurs, the "In Memoriam" Books are on display for the delegates to view. The Coordinator will accompany these books and answer any questions.
- For additional information about "In Memoriam" Donation Requests, email inmemoriam@gardenontario.org or contact 905-476-3000.



Marilyn Cox and "In Memoriam" books on display at the 2024 Convention



OHA 50/50 Draw Winners

Submitted by Marian Heil, OHA Treasurer



OHA 50-50 Winner
September 28, 2024

The September 28th winner is Norma Grant – she is a member of the Nepean Horticultural Society. Winning ticket number B-18504 and amount won is \$2287.50.
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OHA 50-50 Winner
December 14, 2024

The December 14th winner of \$3290 is Alexis Clarke from Kitchener

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Schomberg Horticultural Society Celebrates a Blooming Year

Submitted by Susan Zweep

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The Schomberg Horticultural Society wrapped up a remarkable 2024 with its Year-End Banquet and Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Schomberg Community Hall on November 19th. The event was a vibrant celebration of the Society's achievements and community impact. Among our special guests was Michelle Wilson from District 15.

Mayor Pellegrini applauded the Society for its contributions to the beautification of Schomberg and Councillor Asselstine remarked on its stellar reputation, calling it, *"a well-run and respected community group."*

A Night to Remember

The evening began with a lavish charcuterie board reception, followed by a catered gourmet dinner. Guests were treated to a delectable dessert table, lovingly prepared by Society members, adding a sweet touch to the celebration.

The silent auction was a major attraction, offering an array of coveted items, while the Society's "Wall of Fame" showcased its storied history and awards since its founding in April 1935.



Our Guests & Hosts



Catering: Dorio's Bakery—"Wall of Fame"
Silent Auction: Kathleen & Denny
Desserts: Kathleen, Mary B., Beth, Eleonora
Linens, dishes, cutlery: Susan, Eleonora



Guests of Honour:

Mayor: Steve Pellegrini

Mary Asselstine

District 15 ADD:

Michelle Wilson



***“Golden Spade Award”: Barb Prince, Presidents’ Award: Anna Talenti
Flower Show, best in all categories—Eleonora Schmied, Novice—Heather Bierstecker.
Photographer’s Choice Award: Heather Bierstecker***



Highest total points in the Photography Contest were awarded to Susan Zweep.



SHS Board Members:

***Eleonora Schmied, Barb Niemeyer, Margaret Rudnitski,
Susan Zweep, Pat Janse,
Maria Ruksa, Linda Jessop,***

***Beth Egan, Lisanne Gavigan, Chris Somerville, Kathleen Gorsline,
Missing: Angela Rose, Sheila Kelly***

Heartfelt thanks go to the AGM/banquet committee for preparing such a memorable evening: Sheila Kelly, Ruby Stoffregen, Maria Ruksa, Susan Zweep, Denny Starritt, Dana Ladd, Kathleen Gorsline and Eleonora Schmied. Giving an extra helping hand with setup: Reva Harknett and Judith Henderson.

The Society owes a debt of gratitude to outgoing Board members for their years of dedication to the Society: Mary Tzarik, Judith Henderson, Ruby Stoffregen and Jill Watts-Hayward.

We are welcoming new Board members: Lisanne Gavigan (secretary) and Margaret Rudnitski (public relations).

Looking Ahead to 2025

As the Society looks to its 90th anniversary in April, exciting plans and initiatives were hinted at, promising another vibrant year. With a stellar lineup of speakers and collaboration with local organizations the Society continues to be a cornerstone of the community.

A Community Effort

The Schomberg Horticultural Society extends its gratitude to its sponsors and partners including King Township, ARTS Society King, The Sentinel (Mark Pavilons), the Schomberg Community Farm and the Dufferin Marsh. Together, they've helped make 2024 a year of growth, beauty and community spirit.

With best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season,

The Board of the Schomberg Horticultural Society

I was really impressed by the gardener I saw the other day. *He was out standing in his field.*

Why did the cabbage win the race? *Because it was ahead!*

Milton and District Horticultural Society 2024 Year in Review

Article Written and Submitted by Kayla Corkum



Cover of our Yearbook
Photo Credit: Kayla Corkum

The Milton and District Horticultural Society had a very productive, enjoyable and successful year.

We had 35 new members join, for a total of 273 members, the highest number yet. We had new board members sign on and many of the activities and events were taken on by members.

At our general meetings, we have had a variety of speakers, baked goods and preserves sales, flower shows and great times.

As we haven't submitted any articles in a very long time, I might have gone a bit overboard here, but trust me, we've had a very exciting year, and I just had to share it all.

There's always laughs to be had at our general meetings, especially when some things don't go as planned. In January, we had to improvise when our venue messed up our booking and we had to sit in these comfy seats in the hall until our room was ready. Nothing to do but chuckle and shrug our shoulders and this is one of the things that makes our society so wonderful.

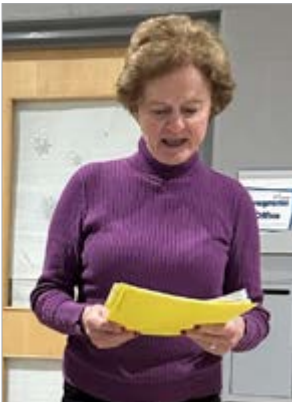


Photo Credits: Kayla Corkum

One of our long-time members and past president, Jennifer Mirosolin, writes an article called **'In Jen's Garden'**, for each of the monthly newsletters. Here is a snippet from one of those articles:

"I shall call this 'The Winter That Wasn't! While there has been one short period of nasty cold, most of this season has been endurable – if not downright pleasant. I walked round the garden today and I realized that we cannot hope for more winters like this but they are becoming more common. Signs of hope are everywhere... the frozen silence of winter is no more. A murder of crows is strutting through the park, cawing raucously. The bluejays are calling, sounding like a rusty gate, and adding flashes of blue to the evergreens. Long vees of geese honk their path through the sky above us. Even the chickadees and finches are tweeting up a storm!"

The garden is at least a month early. Hellebores are in flower – one of them has been in bloom since December and survived under the snow and the rest have buds exploding up through the mulch."



Photo Credit: Jennifer Mirosolin

Organized by Barbara Smith, and with the help of many volunteers, our **Seedy Saturday** occurred on Saturday, February 24th, in which we had the 'Great Seed Giveaway' at the Milton Mall. They had perennials, annuals, vegetables and herb seeds. Many varieties were available and we raised \$1057. There were even some specials for children that day!

On Sat., April 6th, arranged by Katherine Pulford and Joan LaSalle, we had the **Annual Spring Flower Workshop** with Julie Speck at the Flowershed Farms & Greenhouses. It was a great success and all 17 members attending had a fantastic time. Julie provided us with a lesson on creating the perfect spring planter for our sunny or shady spot and assisted us with this hands-on, build your own planters with a large variety of plugs to choose from. Our pots were looked after in the greenhouse by Julie for about 6 weeks until ready for pick-up at the end of May.

I am always amazed at the transformation from plugs to full baskets of flowers just in time for the May Victoria Day weekend.



Photo Credits: Kayla Corkum



Photo by Kayla Corkum

Photo Credits: Anne Eadie

Spearheaded by Grace Moores, plans for **Sunny Mount Community Garden** started in 2015 and, by 2017, we had 37 plots rented to local families. On Sat., Sept. 16, 2023, Sunny Mount Community Garden (SMCG) held a Garden Unveiling Event for our newest garden with special guests including Mayor Krantz, Adam Van Koeverden M.P., Regional Councillor Sameera Ali and Town Councillor Sarah Marshall. We were also joined by members of the public, gardeners from both Community Gardens and members of the Society.



Photo Credit: Grace Moores



Photo Credit: Kayla Corkum

The second **Sunny Mount Community Garden** would not have become a reality without funding from Milton Community Fund, the land and support from the Town of Milton, the incredible local business such as Van Beeks,

Lumberville and One Call Do It All and last, but by no means least, our dedicated volunteers. We had help from over 106 people who volunteered over 5 weekends in all weathers, clocking up 456 volunteer hours, just to build the garden.

Today, we have families renting out close to 80 plots with gardeners sharing tips and helping one another. We also have 4 donation plots providing fresh produce weekly during the growing season to iFeed, who support nearly 200 families locally. And, we have 6 pollinator gardens with native plants supporting birds, butterflies and local pollinators.

One of our major fundraisers of the year, the **Plant Sale**, funds most of the activities of the Society, from meetings with interesting speakers to plants and mulch for the Society's gardens, or to the prizes for the flower shows. This year's event took place on Saturday, May 11th and was held at the Italian Community Centre on Tremaine Rd.

It was a very successful event, bringing in \$8000. This also included the sale of bags of Worm Castings. Who knew worm poop would be so popular! *Photo Credits: Kayla Corkum*



The **Spring Flower Show** was held on May 11th at the Milton Mall and its theme was 'Here Comes the Sun'. It was open to all members and the general public with over 50 different design and horticulture classes. It was a good showing with lots of lovely specimens and designs, thanks to Barbara and Elise.

Photo by Barbara Smith



We had another fantastic turnout for our **Summer Flower Show** held on June 15th at the Milton Mall, coordinated by the show co-chairs, Dawn Kung and Genana Kulla. With 14 participants and 134 total entries, it was a day to remember!

Photo Credits: Genana Kulla and Dawn Kung



The Milton and District Horticultural Society has what we call our **Volunteer Gardens**, designed and planted by members around town, and they are a tribute to the work of the volunteers who have donated time, energy and even plants, to beautify areas of Milton. We have gardens at Allendale Long Term Care Facility and Deborah's Home, which is residence to five adults with physical disabilities requiring 24-hour personal and homemaker support. At the Milton District Hospital, we created Serenity Garden which is fully accessible for patients, families and visitors, to offer a peaceful, zen-like atmosphere.



Photo Credit: Jennifer MirosoLin

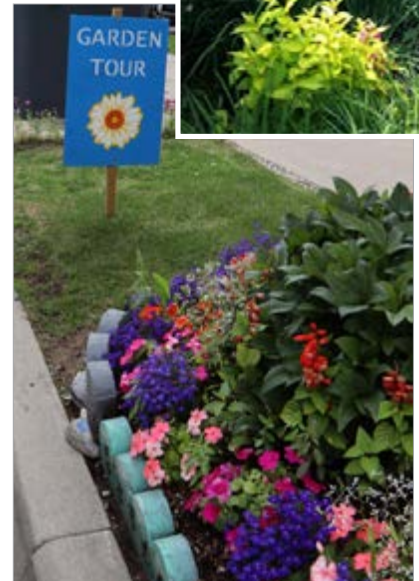
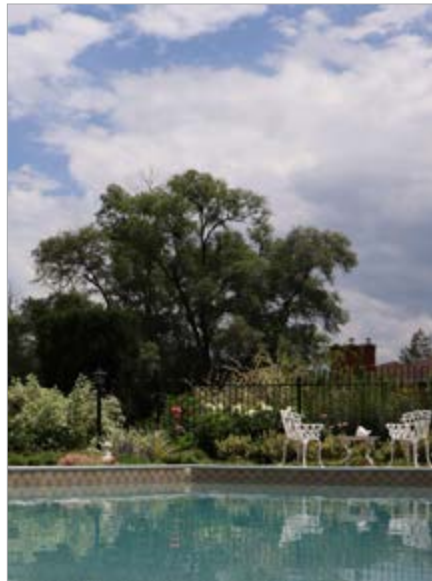
We have scheduled sessions where we get together as a group and weed, divide perennials, prune and generally do anything to prepare the gardens for the season. These sessions are a great way for new gardeners to learn tips and tricks from the “Old Guys” and to pick up perennial plants from our divisions. (Yes, we teach weed identification, pruning and perennial division!) Last year the gardens looked wonderful and brought much joy to those who stayed at or visited these places.

Photo on right by Jennifer MirosoLin

The **Secret Gardens of Milton Tour** was a great success, selling 220 tickets! Many came from as far as Toronto, London, Scarborough and Mississauga and, of course, our own Miltonians. The day was bright and sunny, the gardens were beautiful and all the ticket holders had smiles on their faces.

Everyone enjoyed their time with friends and family, the delicious muffins and coffee donated by Springridge Farm and many of our ‘Artists in the Garden’ got requests to be on the tour for next year!

Photo Credits: Daniel Kulla



At our October meeting, we had a **Trivia Night** in which we got into teams of 4-6 people who would compete against other teams to determine which group has the most knowledge. The questions were created by Jennifer MirosoLin and fun was had by all. Sometimes, you can’t believe how competitive people become unless you see it with your own eyes. Smiles were on everyone’s faces and laughter was heard throughout the night. We also have a Trivia section in each of our newsletters, questions also done by Jen. Some examples are:

‘Are mushrooms a plant?’ Answer: No. Plants are producers, using the energy of the sun to make seeds, cones and spores to reproduce while fungi are decomposers that break down decaying matter. Fungi creates a fruiting body, the part of the mushroom we see above ground that release spores to reproduce. Or, ‘To what unusual category does the banana belong?’ Answer: Bananas are considered an herb because they never form a woody stem as a tree does. Or, ‘What is the traditional date of World Naked Gardening Day?’ Answer: The first Saturday in May.

The November meeting was our **Annual Awards Night** with many awards and trophy’s won, recognizing the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. Overall, we had a very joyful and successful 2024. Looking forward to what comes next in 2025!

Pickering Garden Club

Written by Jinna Findlay, Past President, Barb Nelson, President, Submitted by Barb Nelson

Year End Greetings from the Pickering Garden Club

We had a great year this year! The board was fabulous, as usual, and stepped up to bring the Club some new activities as well as continuing to prove on our usual goings-on. Speaking of the board, we welcomed 3 new members this year; Carol Mee took on the role of Secretary and Stefanie Moir and Janice Doll joined as directors. Stephanie helped with Youth Initiatives and headed up some of our Special Events and Janice Doll organized and made sure the sweets and treats table was always well-stocked at each meeting. They have been wonderful additions to our board and quickly rolled up their sleeves to help.

Once again, Barbara Twiner successfully assembled an impressive lineup of speakers and organized a delightful Bus Tour. The itinerary included a visit to Fiddlehead Nurseries, a buffet lunch at Pebbles and an exclusive tour of the garden belonging to the president of Mt Forest Golf Club. Our final garden host was affiliated with the Schomberg Society and surprised us with some delightful snacks.

Barbara led us through a hands-on workshop where we explored the techniques of forcing bulbs. Each participant left with a potted set of bulbs, which are currently undergoing a cooling period, either stored in their garage or nestled in the back of their refrigerator!

We organized several Special Events for our members including an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Valleyview Nurseries. During this event, we observed the planting of petunia cuttings and witnessed the functioning of a 'planting assembly line.' Additionally, Murray Thompson led us on a garden tour to admire his stunning Dahlia Garden. We also explored the newly constructed greenhouse at the Toronto Zoo where we marveled at its extensive orchid and succulent collections as well as the innovative living wall. Our visit to Parkwood Estate in Oshawa involved a guided exploration of its expansive gardens, during which we learned about the estate's history and ongoing preservation efforts – with some help from the Oshawa Garden Club – to maintain its status as a beautiful landmark for the city.

These events were both engaging and educational, featuring excellent guides. They provided an enjoyable opportunity to spend time together and deepen our connections with fellow members.

We held our first photo show since the pandemic. The results were shared at the February meeting and we are looking forward to seeing this year's entries.

We continue to have excellent participation in our Flower Show and this year, two members successfully advanced from the Beginners Category to the Advanced level, achieving first prize in a Design Category!

The day of our Plant Sale, it rained so much on the Saturday that sales were down, but we were able to arrange with the City of Pickering and our volunteers to open on Sunday as well, resulting in the best Plant Sale yet. Yvonne Nunes is stepping down from running this event but leaving behind a great system and instructions for getting it all done. At the same time, we welcome Louise De Acetis to take over this important role.

Our yearbook survey helped to reinforce what is important to our members and we made a few adjustments this year with that in mind. We're particularly excited about the poetry contest and having 3 winning entries to include this year!

13 of our members attended the District 17 AGM held in Oshawa winning both Flower Show and Photo Show awards.



Flower Show Winners
Photo by Karl Schmalz



Photo Show Winners
Photo by Karl Schmalz

It was an honour for three of us, Jinna Findlay, Barb Nelson and Heidi Malowany, to go to the OHA Convention and see Barbara Twiner be awarded the OHA Trillium/Silver Fir Award. It was clear by the number of people who stood up to shake her hand as she came back to our table that she is a very valued member of the gardening community in Ontario and we are lucky to have her in our Club and on our board.

We were thrilled to collaborate with the City of Pickering on the rejuvenation of the garden at Krosno & Liverpool. Our volunteers carefully removed the current plants which will be saved for next year's plant sale. The city prepared the soil by tilling and contributed fresh new soil along with a selection of various plants, guided by our two garden members' plan and suggestions. The volunteers then proceeded to plant these along with a substantial number of tulips.

Behind the scenes, we made a lot of progress on some key items for the Club this year; the revisions to our by-laws to bring them up to current standing with respect to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Act and the addition of a board code of conduct and members code of conduct as requested by the OHA. All these things take time and we plowed through a lot.

We want to thank all the members who volunteered their time this year and were so happy to see the increase in involvement with the Club. It really is the best way to get the most out of your membership (i.e. free advice from experienced gardeners and frequently plants too!). Volunteers are essential to the success of our Garden Club; without their support, we wouldn't have accomplished as much this year. Therefore, a heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed their time and effort.

And lastly, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our board members for rising to the occasion and assisting with every request we've made. Their support and guidance have been invaluable.



Barbara Twiner
OHA Trillium/Silver Fir Award
Photo by Barb Nelson



Krosno & Liverpool Rejuvenation Project
Photo by Barb Nelson

Ancaster Horticultural Society

Keeping Ancaster Beautiful

Established in 1961

Submitted by Publicity Director Rhu Sherrard 2024 /2025

On November 19, 2024, the Society held its annual holiday dinner and AGM. The executive members were confirmed and the additional volunteers in various roles continue to move ahead with their roles for 2025.

Bob Wilt presented the following awards:

- President's Awards to Donna Fraser and Liz Martin (*to newer members that have amazed us with their enthusiasm and abilities*)
- Blue Ruffle Awards (*for high level of contribution over 3-5 years*) to Jeanne Robertson, Sharon Lee and Carolyn Bondarenko
- Mayor's Award to Carol Howe (*for outstanding contributions over many years*)
- A Special Award goes to Sue Freshwater, President and Vice President of our Society who has led our Plant Sales for over 24 years.

Our special guests were Susan McMillan, OHA District 6 Assistant Director, Nancy Hurst, Assistant to Councilor Craig Cassar, and Al Frisini, co-owner of Harpers Garden Centre.

Our amended Code of Conduct was reviewed and passed by attending members.

The Board of Directors for 2024

There were 3 board meetings and nine general meetings with two via Zoom. We participated in various presentations throughout the year and events like the Plant Sale and Trillium Awards. Members volunteered to maintain gardens at Fieldcote plus Ancaster's municipal gardens. New members joined the Board of Directors this year.

Wed. Dec. 4th at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers decorated the Ancaster Old Town Hall for the holidays.

Thanks to Betty Howitt for a fantastic lineup of events happening in our area.



Potluck Dinner
Photo by David Puskas



Blue Ruffle Award
L to R: Carolyn Bondarenko, Sharon Lee, Jeanne Robertson — Bob Wilt presenting



President's Award
L to R: Liz Martin and Donna Fraser — Bob Wilt presenting
Photo by David Puskas



Mayor's Award
Carol Howe — Nancy Hurst (Assist. to Councilor Craig Cassar) presenting
Photo by David Puskas



2025 Board of Directors
Photo by Susan MacMillan

Ancaster Horticultural Society 2025 Program

- **January 21, 2025**, Don Bodnar, Beekeeper, D. B. Bee Sanctuary: "It Is All About the Bees"
- **February 18, 2025**, Michael Albanese owner of Avesi: "Storm Water and Landscape Solutions – Rain Gardens"
- **March 18, 2025**, Heidi Mungal owner of Generations Marketplace and Learning Centre: "Modern Day Homesteading"
- **April 15, 2025**, Kim Drew owner of Purple Haven Lavender Farm: "All Things Lavender"
- **May 20, 2025**, Paul Oliver owner of Urban Nature Store "Attracting Wild Birds to Your Backyard Garden"
- **June 17, 2025**, Strawberry Social and Members Share
- **Thursday, August 21, 2025**, MacNab's Kitchen and Garden Tour, 10 am-1 pm, \$41 per person.
- **September 16, 2025**, Nick Winkelmolen from Winkelmolen Nursery in Lynden: Winkelmolens: The Past, Present and Future of Trees
- **October 21, 2025**, Drew Goddard owner/operator of This Side of Paradise: Breeding and Growing Orchids: A Hobbyist's Journey

We continue to utilize Instagram and Facebook to promote and engage the community to share our events, speakers, and presentations. Social media is now the major source of information in the community. We continue to support local community organizations in the hope we can share our events and, with their support, we can benefit each other locally. From our Society to yours: We wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best for the New Year.

"May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter, and every window open to great possibility."
– Mary Anne Radmacher

Haldimand Horticultural Society

Submitted by Barbara Wilson, President

Photos by Barbara Wilson

Winter greetings from the Haldimand Horticultural Society

What a great 40th Anniversary year we had! As it comes to a close we can be thankful to all our members for their continued support and dedication throughout the past year. We look forward to 2025 and many more gardening accomplishments.



"Green Guardian's" Youth Group
1st prize winning entry at the Caledonia Fair



The new display at the Cayuga Cenotaph

Here is a recap of the past few busy months:

- **September** – The Haldimand Horticultural Society is proud of our “Green Guardians” Youth Group who received a first place ribbon for their entry in the “Fireplace Mantel” section at Caledonia Fair this year.
- **October** – The GM was our volunteer Recognition evening featuring a pizza party/40th birthday party with entertainment and a speaker.

Haldimand County held their Volunteer Recognition Evening and the HHS was proud to receive 2 awards: the Distinction Award for our 40-year Anniversary achievement and the Community Project Award for the creation of the Poppy Project.

Moss Workshops were held and beautiful, framed pictures were created by participants. Two Secondary School students from Hagersville and Cayuga were presented with their bursary from the HHS to assist with their post secondary education. Caledonia’s was presented in the Spring.



Moss workshop creation



Members Barb Matten, Elsie Eubank and Brenda Taylor) at the annual urn/wreath/swag workshop

- **November** – Our Poppy Project created a new display at the Cayuga Cenotaph this Remembrance Day. Caledonia and Hagersville Cenotaphs were also decorated. Since 2022, we have collected over 4000 poppies to create these displays. We thank our community for their generous contributions toward this project. We hope to create a new display for the Jarvis Cenotaph next year.

Annual urn/wreath/swag workshops were well-received and enjoyed by all those participating.

Member Vicki Peart is congratulated for receiving a King Charles III Coronation medal for her distinguished service to both community and country.

2025 Executive and Board of Directors were sworn in by ADD Liz Chapple.

President Awards were received by Ian and Amanda Wagner and Don Reeder.

- **December** – Our annual poinsettia fundraiser.

As the Christmas season approaches, we finish putting our gardens to sleep and plant our bulbs with a vision of colourful displays in the Spring.

***Enjoy the holidays everyone and
“Happy Gardening” in 2025!***

Ontario Hosta Society Fall General Meeting Picnic and Auction, September, 2024

Submitted by Bob Leask and Lesley Chapman, Editor, Ontario Hosta Society

This year our annual meeting was held in the lush gardens of Lianne Krane and her family in rural Milton. Aside from the OHS activities, members had the opportunity to tour her gardens at their best for this time of year, recognizing the waning of a great growing season.

The weather was perfect and rain held off until the event was concluded as we loaded our purchases into our cars.

Lianne also led a group of attendees in the production of Hypertufa planters by providing all the ingredients, forms, and techniques for success. Lessons well-learned.

While we had a chance to renew past acquaintances, there were also great new friends and members to trade stories and gardening advice with. Even spirited bidding over auction offerings was greeted in good fashion.

Speaking of which, thanks go to the donors who thoughtfully selected Hosta varieties, plants and gift certificates that would remind us of the good times had at the auction. Your patronage would be welcomed by all. There was very little duplication so members were often seen referring to their phones to seek information on the offerings. Part of the auction was done virtually for plants not physically present. Again, phone and good old internet.

Bargains abounded and some bids beat retail prices, but with funds going to the society, who calculated gas prices, distances, shipping costs, lol? The highlight was a seemingly high price for the Gunther's Prize donated by Cindy and Carel Deutekom only to be told that there was tremendous demand for this variety at even higher prices possible. And everyone was able to spend their Hosta bucks.

A special thank you to Cindy Deutekom for keeping tabs of all the bids and to the executive for all the effort in putting this meeting together.

We have several events planned for 2025 including plant sales and a bus tour and welcome new members to join us. Please see the web for membership details.

Please participate in our winter photography contest, open to members and non-members – further details can be found on the web (under Contests) or Facebook. Deadline for submissions is 28th February, 2025.



Please feel free to check us out at:
Instagram: Ontario_hosta_society
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Web: <https://www.ontariohostasociety.com>



The Silent Auction

Photo by Lesley Chapman



Nina Maskulka with Allan and Shirley Koch of Riverbend Gardens about to start lunch

Photo by Connie Pojasok



Live Auction – Auctioneer Bob Leask

Photo by Lesley Chapman



Making Hypertufa Trough

Photo by Lesley Chapman

Paris Horticultural Society

Submitted by Margaret Collins

Our Community Gardens Committee has been very busy this fall keeping the gardens in shape and making some major changes.

Doug Hanna extended a big *THANK YOU* to all the volunteers who worked on the Cenotaph Garden this past summer. A list was posted for volunteers to sign up for a clean-up time every 2 weeks. The spots were filled in and Doug reports that he heard many positive comments regarding the consistently neat and tidy gardens. People are often seen strolling through the gardens, reading the Cenotaphs and resting on the benches.

The Fairgrounds Main Gate has been cleared of the lava rock and old shrubs. Dave Collins operated a small tractor, lent to us by the Fairgrounds and Doug Hanna operated an excavator, to remove the material. It is ready for a major refreshing in the spring. Costs for this project are shared with the fairground's grounds committee.



The Cenotaph
Photo by Margaret Collins



Fairgrounds Gate Garden
Photo by Dave Collins

The Garden of Hope was also freshened up this fall and is ready for some fresh plantings in the spring. Member Jake Dupon and some of his crew removed several overgrown shrubs and various plant material. There was no access to this garden for several months, while work was being done to repair an adjacent brick wall so things got overgrown. The sign explaining the Garden of Hope was taken down at that time and is now back in place.

ADOPT A ROAD

Nine PHS volunteers met, for the last time this year, on September 21st to pick up garbage on Keg Lane over to Trussler Road. Five full bags of garbage, assorted signs and four full bags of recycling were collected. Often people going by in their cars will honk and wave thank you but this year a gentleman stopped, presented the workers with a box of Timbits and also offered to take the group photo as a thank you.



Garden of Hope
Photo by Dave Collins



Adopt a Road
Photo taken by grateful passerby

Minden & District Horticultural Society

Submitted and authored by Shelley Fellows

Photo credit: Connie Walker

Celebrating successes at the Minden & District Horticultural Society

The Minden & District Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on November 5th, 2024 in Minden. Society President Connie Walker presented two members with a Horticultural Service Certificate. Recognized for their years of service to the Horticultural Society were Karen Shirley and Liz Case. Their contributions included participation in many committees and on the board, along with community garden planning, event planning, community outreach and promotion of horticulture in the Minden area.

34 service pins were handed out at the AGM, recognizing between 5 to 45 years of service with the Minden & District Horticultural Society. Three members were awarded lifetime memberships: Sue Sisson, Rose Paliwoda and Nancy Garbutt.

Nancy Garbutt also won the "Mini Flower Show Competition" for 2024.

With over 70 members, the Minden & District Horticultural Society has several ongoing programs. It puts on one of the most well-attended monthly speaker series in Haliburton County with topics in 2024 ranging from vegetable gardening to planter design.

The Junior Horticultural Club organizes fun and educational events for very young gardeners. In 2024, the Junior Horticultural Club grew over 50 lbs of produce for the Minden Community Food Centre and created green spaces for pollinators. The Society hosts an annual plant sale each spring, with a very successful sale in 2024. Volunteers design, plant and maintain stunning streetscaping planters and beds in Minden Village and along the Riverwalk with support from the township of Minden Hills.



Minden & District Horticultural Society Junior Horticulturalists highlight their accomplishments

District 4 Fall Seminar in Minden

Submitted by Shelley Fellows, Authored by Carolyn Langdon, Photo credits: Carolyn Langdon

Fabulous fall seminar in Minden for District 4 Horticulturalists

The Minden & District Horticultural Society hosted over 120 gardeners from 17 Ontario Horticultural Societies to conduct business and talk plants on October 19th in Minden. According to long-time member Elinor Kernohan, "this is only the 2nd time in 45 years that the Minden group has hosted this event. The last time was about 25 years ago." Delegates from as far away as Coburg and Port Hope were able to take in the beautiful fall colour on their drive north and enjoy a locally-catered lunch at this Ontario Horticultural Association District Four event.

Society President Connie Walker from Carnarvon said "volunteers had been working for months to organize this important event for people in the gardening community and our efforts were well received." Walker singled out Carolyn Perks to thank her for her contributions to the success of the event.

In addition to the comradery, many came to hear from keynote speaker, Paul Zammit. Zammit is a Professor of Horticulture and Environmental Studies at Niagara College and well-known garden expert heard each week on CBC Radio. He challenged his audience to learn to work with the garden by rethinking what is beautiful. "People come to gardens for more than just pretty plants. They come to relax, to meditate, to photograph insects and to engage in lifelong learning," he said. To support wildlife and the food web that all life requires, he encouraged his audience to stop tidying up their gardens. He asked his audience to rethink some of their garden practices such as deadheading, bagging up leaves and growing for size and bloom. "Deadheading your flowers gives you more blooms but don't forget your garden also feeds the birds and insects," he said. He urged his audience to do their best to grow more native plants and avoid invasive plants. He said, "not to worry what the neighbours think and practise chop and drop composting where organic matter is left where it is pruned, rake whole leaves onto garden beds because shredding your leaves kills beneficial caterpillars and other life forms."



Minden & District Horticultural Society President
Connie Walker with CBC Radio garden show
expert Paul Zammit



Minden & District Horticultural Society members
Marilyn Bodogh, Linda Ross and Sandra Beach

If you have a garden in your library, everything will be complete. – **Marcus Tullius Cicero**

Life begins the day you start a garden. – **Chinese proverb**

There are always flowers for those who want to see them. – **Henri Matisse**

Brampton Horticultural Society

*Submitted and Written by Lynn Viau-Morin.
Photographed by Alexa Roggeveen, Lynn Viau-Morin*

My goodness, the year flew by fast.

Like most societies, we had a busy spring. Our Society once again worked with the City on a number of projects to encourage an interest in horticulture within the community. Our membership numbers are holding steady, so we're thankful for that.

A good amount of time was dedicated to aligning our guidance documents with new ONCA (*Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*) rules.

Brampton's 12th Seedy Saturday took place in March. What a great day it was! With thirty-eight vendors/exhibitors, four speakers, the Seedy Café and Kids' Zone, there was plenty to enjoy. The Seed Swap and Seed Table was a magnet in the middle of the room all day. We were visited by approximately 700 members of the community and points beyond.

At our March General Meeting, Doreen Coyne presented the District 15 Award Certificate to Carole and Ron Spraggett for their work in launching and sustaining Brampton's Seedy Saturday event. *"Ron and I feel very honored to have received the District 15 Appreciation Award."*

We held a Floral Design Workshop in March. Our members learned some floral design basics and had an opportunity to create a design of their own.



The Spraggetts receiving District 15 Service Award



Flower Arranging Workshop 2024



In April, we participated in Brampton's Earth Day Environmental Celebration. The event featured booths from City and community groups sharing information on their sustainability initiatives. There were family-friendly activities, a Kids' Zone and guided visits through the naturalized environmental areas and storm water pond.



Earth Day Event



BHS Earth Day Team

Our May Annual Plant Sale was another great success. The weather was nice for the long lineup of people who waited for the doors to open. Everything sold out in record time.

Our traditional June Strawberry Social is always a highlight that marks the start of the summer break. Awards were presented. Members enjoyed an evening of trivia, music and fellowship.

In June, we held our Annual "Brampton Blooms" Flower Show. This Horticultural and Decorative Competition is open to all residents of Brampton. Entries are up over last year, as well as the most recent pre-Covid show. This year's Floral Design theme was 'Canadian T.V. Shows, Past and Present'.



Plant Sale 2024



Plant Sale 2024 Membership Table

"Brampton Blooms" Flower Show



Kim's Convenience – 1st place



Red Green



Design: Razzle Dazzle – 1st place

Brampton Horticultural Society was still busy in July...

The BHS co-funded the building of a wheelchair-accessible salad table at Peel Cheshire Home to grow greens and other shallow-rooted plants for all residents of the Home to enjoy.



Peel Cheshire Homes Salad Table

On a lovely day in August, we held our annual New Member & Volunteer Social. About 40 people turned up to chat and enjoy tea and treats in the backyard of one of our members.



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Bath Gardening Club

What's Happening in Bath

Submitted and written by: Pat Chown, Diana Wilkinson, Sylvia Whalen

Photography by: Pat Chown, Sue Nilsson, Don Taylor

Welcome to the Winter Edition of our Newsletter: Our Newsletter is packed full of information that members provided through our survey; wonderful pictures of members creating a more beautiful and festive Bath; a report on our evening succulent workshop; information about our Carol Sing at the Gazebo, our contribution to Bath's annual Merry Little Main Street event and much more! Bath Gardening Club is also extremely pleased to introduce Gardening Club member, Diana Wilkinson to our writing team. Diana's focus will be climate change. She will be researching and providing science-based information to us on one of the planet's biggest challenges. In this article, she also has included ideas on how we, as individuals, can be part of the solution. Participants in BGC Survey expressed an interest in learning more about Climate Change. Diana's knowledge and passion about Climate Change is helpful as we try to respond to suggestions that emerged through the Survey.



On the Front Cover of the Trillium:

Succulent Workshop

Photo by Don Taylor

Sylvia Whalen, our President, Reports on the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place on October 16th. Minutes of this Meeting can be found in the Members section of our website (bathgardeningclub.ca). Following the annual reports from the Leads of the Membership, Planting and Program Committees, Laurie Minorgan and Joanne Sperinck presented us with the financial statement and new budget for 2024/2025 which were approved by those in attendance. James Kimmerly, District 3 Director, was present to install the new Executive. Thanks to everyone who came forward to help out on the Executive and Board. There is currently only one vacancy! (Anyone wishing to take on the Vice President's role would be greatly appreciated. Please notify Sylvia Whalen at president@bathgardeningclub.ca). The following is a list of the current officers:

President: Sylvia Whalen

Vice President: Vacant

Recording Secretary: Diane Nolting

Correspondence Secretary: Joanna Sperinck

Membership Secretary: Diane Nolting

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Membership: Diane Nolting

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Bath Gardening Club Newsletter Survey: The Club undertook a survey of members to determine the viability of our newsletter. For example, how often do members read the newsletter and, if we continue creating 4 editions per year, what topics would be of interest. The survey was distributed during the September meeting and also sent electronically to our members. Thank you for your thoughts and ideas. Based on your feedback, the newsletter will continue and every effort will be given to explore the topics suggested. Responses to the survey in their entirety are posted on our website (bathgardeningclub.ca) in the Notice Board section. The following are several of the topics that members indicated would be of interest.

- Garden tips on pests, insects, soil conditions, invasive species and current garden ideas for our area
- Climate Change – How is it affecting birds, insects, flowers and trees?
- Personal Composting
- Joint ventures with the Township
- Local interviews of our resident gardeners
- Small garden ideas for "food" planting i.e. beans, peas, etc.
- Vegetable gardening and recipes

Thank you to all 33 participants who completed the survey. We welcome more ideas in the future. If you are interested in submitting an article, please do so to pat.chown@gmail.com. Please make sure that any article submitted is researched and has a website(s) address(es) attached. All articles are vetted by the Club before publication.

Climate Change: How Can I Help? *Written by Diana Wilkinson*

This article can be viewed in its entirety in the Members section – Club Newsletters, Winter 2024 on the Bath Gardening Club website: bathgardeningclub.ca. The following excerpt focuses on suggestions that we, as individuals, might try in an attempt to address the health of our planet.

Here Are Some Ways I Can Reduce my Carbon Footprint:

1. I can reduce energy consumption by switching to energy-efficient light bulbs and appliances, unplugging electronics when not in use and reducing my use of heating and cooling systems. I can also do my laundry at 3 am since I am awake anyway!
2. Share my shopping adventures by carpooling with a friend and call it a social event. Done, and added lunch to that outing! Also, Crash News, New Public Transit option coming to Bath is worth exploring! Starting this November! Wow!
3. Gravitate towards a plant-based diet. By reducing my consumption of meat and dairy, I can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from animal agriculture. But I still want my hamburger occasionally! However, I am also willing to try the cultured animal-cell products once they reach our market! Apparently soon!
4. Buy locally-grown food and produce to reduce transportation emissions and support our local economy. Our Bath Market and Grocery Stores are walking-distance from home!
5. Reduce my use of single-use plastics, recycle and ask for a composter for Christmas! Maybe even ask Santa for a heat pump to replace the air-conditioner. On second thought, I don't wish to sound too greedy so that may have to wait until our air-conditioner goes on the blink! But what about an Air Fryer; fast and efficient and doesn't heat up our house?
6. And, in my spare time, I look forward to learning about environmentally friendly gardening practices. I also plan to start the multi-year project of decluttering so that one day, in the future, I'll be able to talk my husband into downsizing to a tiny-home closer to the kids and surrounded by trees and an organic vegetable garden!

Please join me in my "Good Intentions" adventure! I am also receptive to any feedback/contributions you may have!

DianaElizabethWilkinson@gmail.com

Getting Ready for a Festive Holiday Season, BGC Members are out there doing it!

First of all, we made the bows! Thanks to Laurie Minorgan, Holly Adam, Joanna Sperinck, Sue Nilsson, Mary Willing and Pat Chown. Then we placed the greens, strung lights on the Gazebo and attached ornaments and bows to the greens. Thanks to Elaine and Mike Nicholson, Diana Wilkinson, Jeri Love, Sue Nilsson, Linda Cohen, Sylvia Whelan, Joanna Sperinck, Mary Willing, Cyndie and Ted Eedson, Wendy O'Neill, Michelle Smythe, Holly Adam, Diane Nolting, Ann Douglas, Laurie Minorgan, Dave and Adam Bryant.



Bow Making

Photo by Pat Chown



Christmas Boughs

Photo by Sue Nilsson



Christmas Boughs and Decorated Containers

Photos by Don Taylor



Loyalist Installing BGC Wreaths

Photo by Don Taylor

Thanks to Loyalist Township employee, Rob Morrow, for attaching our wreaths to the telephone and hydro poles! And, a huge thanks to Laurie Minorgan for being the Lead on Village Decorating.



Installing Christmas Lights

Photos by Don Taylor



Park Christmas Lights

Photos by Don Taylor



Our Succulent Workshop was a great success!

Succulent Workshop Photos by Don Taylor

Thanks to Angela Cen of Limestone Succulents (limestonesucculents.com), 13 participants enjoyed learning about the world of succulents before choosing and planting a succulent plant to nourish at home.

A few take-aways from our workshop:

- The amount of sun exposure as well as genetic mutations can result in a specific succulent looking different from each other. Google for more information: The Main Reasons Some Succulents Can Look Different Youtube.
- A succulent grown in a small pot can be more colourful than the same succulent grown larger pot.
- Succulents are best grown in loose rocky soil that allows for adequate drainage.
- Do not over-water your succulent.
- A Christmas Cactus can live 30+ years!
- Crassula plants come in over 50 varieties, the common Jade plant is one. Crassula plants can live between 20 -100 years depending on the plant.
- Sempervivum (Hens and Chickens) usually live about 5 years.



Merry Little Main Street Comes to Bath

On December 5, from 5:00-8:00 pm, the BGC members gathered at the Gazebo in the Park to host a holiday sing-song, to distribute hot chocolate compliments of Roberta Young of Free-flow Petroleum, apple cider provided by Mike Janssens of Janssens Orchard and goodies provided by our many great BGC bakers! A huge thanks to Don Taylor and Paul Jepson for supplying the music. Thanks to Burke's Printing of Napanee for printing our song sheets and to all friends, relatives and Bath residents who contributed their singing voices and camaraderie to our festive event.



Merry Little Main Street

Photo by Don Taylor

Bath Gardening Club Christmas Luncheon

On December 12th, our members celebrated our volunteer efforts, our friendship and the beginning of the holiday season during a luncheon at The O'Connor House English Tea Room in Deseronto.

On behalf of the Bath Gardening Club, we wish one and all a very Happy Holiday!

Port Dover and Woodhouse Horticultural Society Native Plant Healing Garden (Part Two)

Submitted by Laurene Via

Photos by Janet Lala, Laurene Via and Deborah Lamb-Green

If you recall in the last edition of the Trillium, we shared with you the work we've done creating a (Turtle Island) Native Plant Healing Garden on the Port Dover Lions Club, Silver Lake Park land which is publicly accessible. This anticipated four-year project is now in year 3. Here's where it stands. We have now added a layer of cardboard to smother the sod and other plant material currently growing, where the third ring of the turtle's shell will be. Smothering with clean cardboard is the preferred method of preparing a site for new growth as it doesn't overly contaminate the soil upon which it is placed as it disintegrates during weathering. This method is preferable to digging and turning the soil over which ultimately results in the disturbance of undesirable seeds that are buried. This task was completed just at the beginning of fall. As you can see from the photos, our garden was very vibrant at that time. Since then, very little "tidying" up of the garden has taken place. We encouraged seed heads from our native plants to drop to the ground so



Top 3 Photos by Janet Lala, Bottom Photo by Laurene Via



Photo by Janet Lala



Photo by Deborah Lamb-Green

that more of those plants will grow. We left dried stalks in place to give shelter for our native insects to over-winter. And we added more leaf mulch to the garden to act as a natural fertilizer as it decomposes, while preventing undesirable plants from sprouting.

As you can well guess, with this garden being near walking trails, much interest has been expressed by passers-by. One concerned observer thought a near-by pile of plant debris was indeed our garden (it wasn't but this does show that much confusion exists over what a native garden really is or can be). As a result, we decided to place a temporary sign to identify our garden and distinguish it from other areas that are left "wild." We can't wait to see it next spring!

Please consider visiting our little port town to see this beautiful garden, our other gardens and a very lovely part of southern Ontario.



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OHA Scholarship Program

Submitted by Sandra Mazur

Details of the Scholarship:

- Available to: Horticultural Society/Garden Club Member, Child, Stepchild, Grandchild or Step-Grandchild
- Up to \$1000 Scholarship Awarded Yearly
- For attendance at Post-Secondary Education Institute in Ontario
- Minimum of 2-Year Program

Don't miss this opportunity! Check out the application for all the details and how to apply in the following pages or gardenontario.org.



Applications are due on June 30th each year.

Ontario Horticultural Association Awards Coordinator, Email: awards@gardenontario.org



The New OHA Family Scholarship

Submitted by Sandra Mazur, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, OHA 2nd Vice-President

It is with pleasure that we present the NEW OHA Member/ Family Member Scholarship. If you were not at convention, here is all the information you need to know about our scholarship.

As an organization, we are committed to providing educational opportunities for our members and youth. Therefore, we thought that having our own scholarship would be a great opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to education to our members, our youth membership and our members' dependants who may require financial support to further their education.

The involvement of young people is crucial to furthering horticulture in Ontario. Just as we nurture our gardens and protect our natural areas, so too must we encourage the involvement of today's youth in all areas of horticulture.

Shortly, Ontario will be theirs to care for. Our responsibility as an organization is to demonstrate to youth the value of horticulture to the province, the community and the individual. Tending our responsibilities supports health and growth at all levels: the self, the garden and the society.

It has been a long process to get our scholarship ready for presentation to our members and I would like to thank the Board of Directors for all their feedback helping us in finalizing our documents. Many thanks to Charles Freeman, Dennis Miluck, Barb Collinson and the late Debra Bellevue who worked with me on the committee to finalize our rules and regulations.

We also had to look at funding and I am pleased to say that we currently have the next two years funded but we are actively seeking funding for the scholarship fund so that we can continue to fund one scholarship per year until we get to a point where we have enough funds built up to increase the number of scholarships we are able to offer per year. Many thanks to Kelly Taylor for her support, encouragement and assistance in making this become a reality and helping to get the funding documents in place for convention.

Please consider making memorial donations to the scholarship fund. We would also welcome all personal donations along with any Planned Giving (Legacy Giving.) Planned giving is a wonderful way to make a larger lasting contribution to a cause you care about. All donations will be issued a tax receipt by our treasurer.

This QR Code will bring you directly to the web page to donate. Thank you in advance for considering to make a donation to this worthy project.



OHA MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MISSION STATEMENT: The Ontario Horticultural Association is a volunteer charitable organization that provides leadership, education and promotes interest in gardening and related environmental issues with affiliated Horticultural Societies/Garden Clubs and like-minded organizations.

Purpose: To assist our members, youth members and our members' children and grandchildren in their pursuit of their post-secondary education in a horticultural-related field.

One – \$1000.00 Scholarship to be awarded annually to a member or a member's child or grandchild.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a member or a child, stepchild, grandchild or step-grandchild of a Horticultural Society member in good standing within the OHA.
- Applicant must be attending a post secondary educational institution in Ontario.
- Applicant may be any age and be accepted into a post secondary educational institute in Ontario.

- The program must be a minimum of 2 years but the applicant is eligible in either year one or year two of the program.
- Applicant must provide the following with their application:
 1. A transcript of their marks unless returning as a mature student.
 2. A letter to the Scholarship committee detailing their role in horticulture and community involvement and outlining why they deserve this scholarship.
 3. A letter from an organization or company outlining their volunteer contribution to the organization or the company with which they have volunteered.
 4. A copy of their acceptance letter into their program.
- Applicant must be willing to attend a Society/Club meeting or a District or OHA meeting within 1 year of receiving the award to speak about the award or another topic of interest within their horticultural learning.
- Applicant must be willing to have their photo taken and allow it to be published along with their 'Thank You' letter in the Trillium magazine and in any other Garden Ontario publication as well as being posted on the Garden Ontario website and/or Facebook Page. They will need to sign a waiver regarding this publication at the time of the award being issued.
- The home society will be made aware of the scholarship winner so they can arrange for the speaking engagement to follow.
- Applications will be submitted to the Awards Coordinator by the deadline of June 30th each year.

Ontario Horticultural Association Awards Coordinator,
Email: awards@gardenontario.org



Please Print

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name of College/University (you will be or are attending):

Name of program accepted into: _____

Are you currently a member of a Horticultural Society/Club affiliated with the OHA? YES ____ NO ____

Affiliated Society/Club Name:

If no, who in your family is a current member and which OHA affiliated Society/Club are they a member?

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 Do you wish to have the deceased person's name acknowledged at the OHA convention? Yes No

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